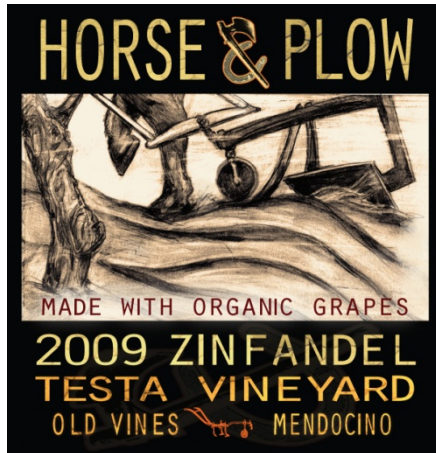


# HORSE & PLOW

HANDCRAFTED WINES FROM ORGANIC GRAPES

## 2009 Old Vine Zinfandel, Testa Vineyard, Mendocino-Certified Organic



### ANALYSIS

Varietal Composition: **95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah**

Vineyard: **Testa Vineyards: 40-90 year old vines**

Appellation: **Mendocino**

Farming: **Certified Organic-CCOF**

Harvest Date: **10/7/09**

Harvest Brix: **25.1 Brix**

Winemaker: **Chris Condos**

Fermentation: **100% French Oak Barrels**

Alcohol: **14.5%**

TA : **.58 g/100mL**

pH: **3.74**

Production: **125 Cases**

*This Old Vine Zinfandel comes from Testa Vineyards, located in Calpella, Mendocino County. Testa has some of the oldest organic vines in the North Coast. The grapes were picked by hand, hand sorted, destemmed without crushing, and cold soaked for 7 days. We fermented each lot using a mixture of native and cultured yeast in small open-top tanks, punch-down by hand, and aged in French Oak barrels. This wine is not fined or filtered.*

**HORSE & PLOW WINERY** merges the best of old and new world techniques to produce authentic, hand-crafted wines from Northern California. We utilize organic farming, small lot fermentations and traditional techniques to make balanced, food friendly and site specific wines. Our goal is to make world class wines from organically grown grapes. Organic farming prohibits the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. We feel that in addition to the environmental benefits of organic farming, the resulting wines show more varietal character and sense of place. Our growers are talented and committed farmers who are also serious stewards of the land they farm. Chris Condos is the owner and winemaker for Horse & Plow and has been making wine since 1995. He is also co-owner of Vinum Cellars, which he started in 1997, as well as the consulting winemaker for Kathryn Kennedy Winery. Suzanne Hagins is an owner of Horse & Plow and responsible for sales and marketing. She is also the owner and winemaker for Lutea, founded in 2004, and produces organically grown pinot noir. Her first harvest was in 1998 at Comte Armand in Pommard, with California experience at David Bruce and Goldeneye wineries.



### **TESTA VINEYARD: Mendocino- Certified Organic**

**Varietals: Petite Sirah, Grenache, Carignane, Charbono, & Zinfandel.**

Testa Vineyards is located in Calpella, Mendocino County and has some of the oldest organic vines in the North Coast. The vineyard was planted in 1912, by Gaetano and Maria Testa using Belgian draft horses and today is farmed by their great grandchildren, Maria and Rusty. The Testa family takes great pride in maintaining the vineyards, where they employ labor intensive, hands on, old world, traditional and organic farming techniques. These old vines produce only 1-3 tons of very concentrated grapes per year.