



## Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel BrandLive Tasting!

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On Wednesday evening, I had the chance to get together with several other bloggers and taste through three Dry Creek Valley Field Blend Zinfandels on Twitter. This tasting was particularly cool because the winemakers behind the Zins were simultaneously hosting a live Q&A on BrandLive. The tasting was super informative as it was awesome to hear the winemakers' perspectives on their wines and the region in general. Here are the tasting notes from the Zins we sampled.



A great line up from Dry Creek Valley!

## **Tasting Notes**

### Ridge 2011 Lytton Springs

A blend of 82% Zinfandel, 16% Petite Sirah, and 2% Carignane with earthy tastes of black fruit and licorice. Healthy acidity and quite graceful for a Zinfandel. The standout of the tasting for me. (14.4% alcohol, \$38)

### Dutcher Crossing 2012 Bernier Sibary Vineyard Zinfandel

This wine is composed of 75% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah, 10% Carignane, and 5% Mourvedre. It had the most pronounced oak influence (yet still not overpowering) as well as tastes of rich, dark fruit and hints of vanilla. Not my style but easy to see how it would appeal to a lot of wine drinkers. (14.9% alcohol, \$43)

### Dry Creek Vineyard 2011 Beeson Ranch Zinfandel

Aromas of dark fruit and spice are found in this field blend of 85% Zinfandel and 15% Petite Sirah. The palate is smooth and balanced with black fruit, licorice, and a lengthy finish. Nicely done! (13.5% alcohol, \$38)

*\*Media Samples*

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