

# BUCKLIN

OLD HILL RANCH ZINFANDEL

**BAMBINO**  
FIELD BLEND

2012 • SONOMA VALLEY

## BAMBINO - 14 YEAR OLD VINES

81% ZINFANDEL, 9% PETITE SIRAH, 4% ALICANTE BOUCHET, 6% MIX OF SYRAH, GRENACHE AND CARIGNANE

CONTAINS : GRAPES AND SULFITES.



### *About Bucklin:*

*Bucklin winery was founded in 2000 by the four Bucklin siblings, Arden, Kate, Ted and Will. Bucklin only produces wine from grapes they grow on their family vineyard - Old Hill Ranch. The viticulture and winemaking are managed by Will Bucklin and the annual production is 1,800 cases.*

Established in 1852 near the town of Glen Ellen, Old Hill Ranch is one of California's oldest vineyards. Our "Bambino" comes from a 10-acre block we planted on Old Hill in 1998. This young vine field-blend is patterned after the ancient vine field-blend for which Old Hill is known. The wine is a blend of several grape varieties - principally Zinfandel, but also Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouchet and Grenache to name a few.

2012 was a record yield on Old Hill. It was a near perfect spring with enough rain, but not too much, and no frost. Summer was beautiful too. We had cool foggy mornings, and warm days, without the requisite major heat spells of years past. Then, during the fall months, the shorter days continued to be warm but the nights became very chilly, and the first substantial rains finally came at the end of October, after harvest was completed.

Grapes were harvested on the early side resulting in lower alcohol and higher natural acidity. The fermentations were relatively cool and long, a result of the use of indigenous yeast without any nutrient or water additions. Pressing occurred after 15 days on the skins. The wine was bottled March 2014 after 20 months aging in neutral French oak barrels.

**VINEYARD;** *Old Hill Ranch* - **BAMBINO** field-blend **VINTAGE;** 2012  
**HARVEST DATE;** 9/28 10/10

**TONS / ACRE** 2.7 **BLEND;** 81% Zinfandel, 9% Petite Sirah, 4% Alicante Bouchet, 6% Syrah, Grenache and Carignane.

**AVERAGE HARVEST BRIX;** 23.5°. **HARVEST TA;** 5.8 g/l. **HARVEST PH;** 3.57

**VINIFICATION;** *Indigenous yeast, aged 18 months used French Oak*

**ADDITIONS:** sulfites. **FREE SO2 AT BOTTLING;** 24. **BOTTLING DATE;** 3/3/13 **BOTTLING TA;** 0.55 **BOTTLING PH ;** 3.67 **ALCOHOL;** 13.5%. **CASES PRODUCED;** 1182 **RETAIL PRICE;** \$24

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