



2008 The Impostor

Proprietary Red Blend

(39% Zinfandel, 29% Syrah, 22% Petite Sirah, Tempranillo, Carignan, Grenache and Viognier)

Appellation: California

Production: 1,171 cases

Alcohol: 15.5%

Retail: \$35

Tasting Notes: The 2008 Impostor is as loaded as a wine can get. Full of over-the-top dark fruits and mysterious aromatics of spiced plum, wild game, graphite and dried currant. It gains depth and traction on the finish with complex minerality and chewy tannin.

Pair With: A wine to have fun with! Keep it simple – ribeye steak, charcuterie, even pasta. Anything with garlic loves to flirt with this wine, as does anything on the grill. Try with venison, buffalo meat, hamburger, or even pizza! Spanish food could also be the ticket for this colorful wine. Drink now or age 5 years.

"After nearly two years your favorite Wine Spectator Top 100 wine is back! If you loved the 2007 'Impostor' we are certain you will adore the 2008 vintage. You don't have to wonder what's behind the façade of this wine; we'll let you in on the secret. The blend has changed a bit this time around, but the same 1% Viognier is the secret to producing an intriguing and delightful quaff."

- Jeff Cohn



91 points The 2008 Impostor Proprietary Red has turned out brilliantly. An earthy, peppery, spicy nose is followed by a dense purple-colored wine exhibiting blueberries, black raspberries, cherries and loamy soil underbrush-like notes. This Provençal-styled red can be drunk over the next 3-4 years.

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91Points Rich and exotic, but complex and well-focused. Aromas of blackberry and smoky charcuterie lead to layered and ultra ripe flavors of boysenberry, toasty caramel and Asian spices. Appealingly distinctive. Zinfandel, Syrah, Petite Sirah, Tempranillo, Carignan, Grenache and Viognier. Drink now through 2015. 1,200 cases made. **T.F.**



90 Points Although not straying far from the family model, this Zinfandel is loaded up with a kitchen sink's mix of supporting varieties, and the results show in the spicy and somewhat peppery overlays to its aromas and flavors. Ripe, concentrated fruit holds its ground confidently at the wine's center, and this one is another partner in the line of unabashedly voluptuous Zinfandels from the hand of winemaker Cohn.