

# 2009 Calaveras County "Torcido"

93 Points, Wine Enthusiast magazine!



## TASTING NOTES

You remember when you were a little kid, and there was this little store round the corner that had a nice man behind the counter who would sell you a big bag of the **best candy for a nickel**? We don't either, **no one is that old!** But if we were that old, this wine might just remind us a little of those days, with aromas of **cherries, vanilla creme and allspice**; and flavors of zingy **cherry and blackberries** - maybe even that funny **cinnamon** candy you used to think was yucky - finishing with impressions of 10W30 oil. Whoops, I guess we wandered into the **hardware** department, but I think you get the idea...

## PRODUCTION NOTES

Made from 100% Grenache from our own Colina Roja Block. At five years old the vineyard is approaching **maturity**, which is shown here with another great Torcido. Colina Grenache ripens latest at the Estate, and with the long **cool** ripening season of 2009 we saw excellent color and complexity.

At harvest, the grapes were lightly crushed, meaning about half of the grapes were not broken but fermented whole. This allows the grapes to ferment from within, which adds more **fresh fruit characters**. After pressing, Torcido was put to French, American and Hungarian oak barrels to develop its **rich** fruit flavors and aromas.

**Traditionally** we have added a touch of Petite Sirah to add color and body to the wine, but this vintage gave such great flavor and intensity we couldn't resist its **100 percent unadulterated-jolly-rancher-cherry-candy goodness**.

## TECHNICAL NITTY GRITTY

### Varietals & Vineyards:

100% Grenache from the Colina Roja block, Twisted Oak

### Harvest Date:

September 19, 2009

### Oak Program:

30% New Hungarian oak, 20% New American oak,  
10% New French oak, 40% Neutral oak

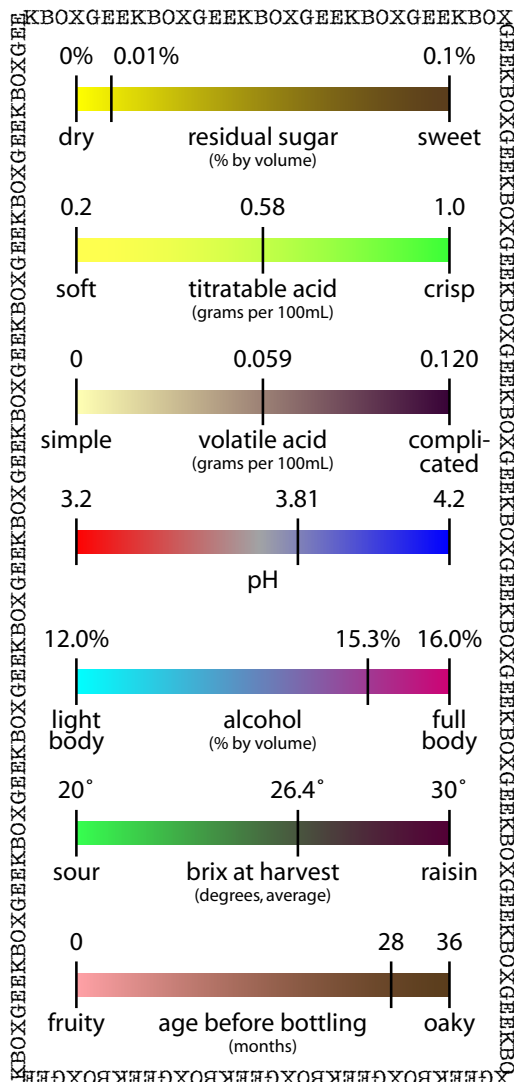
### Food Pairings: Tapas!

spicy sausages and salamis - ham - game - pot roast - linguica  
sweet fruit sauces - even lamb and goat!  
(and, oddly enough, corned beef and cabbage...)

### Suggested Retail Price: \$32

495 cases produced.

[twistedoak.com/torcido2009](http://twistedoak.com/torcido2009)



Still Confused? Don't be! Just check out our "Geek Sheet Cheat Sheet"