

PAZZO

2009 Pazzo (Call Me Crazy)

Cloudy's Tasting Notes:

Pazzo (crazy in Italian), is my unique idea of creating a red wine blend intended for early consumption, offering the best of Napa Valley, with an attractive price as well. We blended a favorite barrel from our various varietals and added them to our best barrels of Sangiovese. The Sangiovese offers a 'wow' factor of acidity, cherry-berry goodness, and an amazingly fragrant nose that has you asking for another glass. The balance between fruit, oak and tannin is perfect for drinking now. 'Delicious' is what we tried to achieve with Pazzo. Our primary Sangiovese vineyard lies in the Napa Valley and its older vines ripen to juicy perfection by October.

Past Praise from Parker on Pazzo:

.... The sexy, seductive provocative blend of Sangiovese and other grapes. Always spicy, slightly herbal, but with loads of red and black fruits, the wine is delicious, savory, and a lot of fun to drink. Bacio Divino's proprietor, Claus Janzen, continues to turn out one of the best values in Napa.

.... The bistro-styled red is one of the better values in the rather inflated pricing world of Napa Valley. Interesting wines are produced by longtime winemaker, Claus Janzen.

.... The seductive Pazzo offers a boatload of pleasure at a realistic price. It is a peppery, spicy, slightly herbal, deliciously fruity red.

.... Pazzo remains the perfect bistro wine from proprietor Claus Janzen's blend of Sangiovese and a few other grapes.

.... The Pazzo is a gorgeously hedonistic, flavorful blend of Sangiovese and the rest small amounts of Petite Sirah, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and even a touch of the white varietal, Viognier.

.... The Pazzo, a gorgeous blend is one of those wines that you wish every bistro and restaurant offered. A deep ruby color is accompanied by a sweet perfume of herbs, kirsch, spice, pepper, and earth. Supple-textured, seductive, and ripe, with decent acidity as well as loads of fruit and character, it admirably demonstrates what can be achieved by smart blending. It's too bad so many California wineries are obsessed with varietal bottlings.

Varietal Content: 87% Sangiovese, 5% Syrah, 4% Petite Sirah, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.95

TA: .70g/100ml

Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturist: Kirk Venge

Proprietor: The Janzen Family

Total Production: 2930 cases

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Website Retail Price: \$32

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