

## BOUCARD'S ZINFANDEL

2010 AMADOR COUNTY

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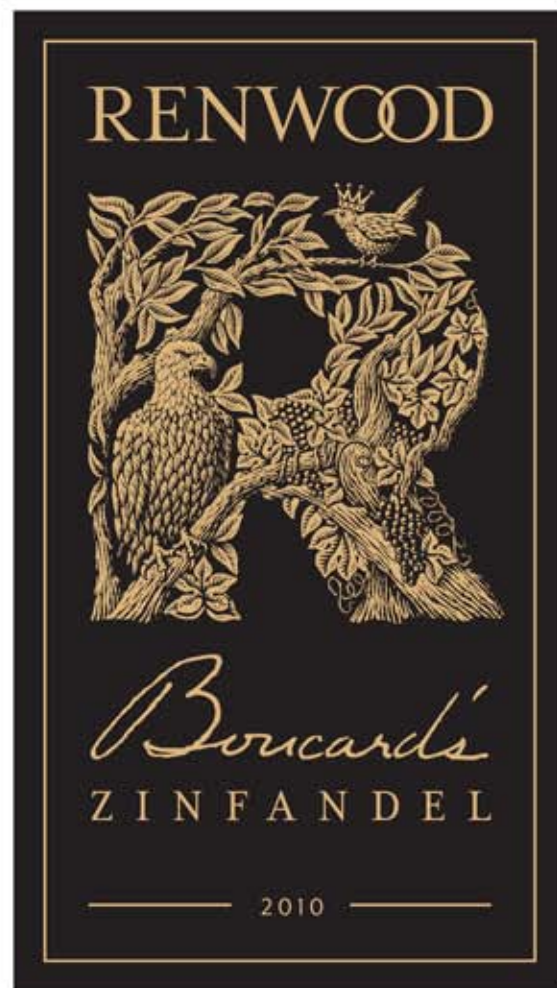
This spicy and refreshing Zinfandel hails from the Zanini Vineyard. This vineyard, planted in 1988, benefits from the meticulous work of Ray Zanini and the steady ripening of these well cared for head-trained vines. These vines "sleep in" daily; they sit in a small bowl that stays sheltered by the morning sun for as much as an hour before nearby vineyards. The wine has notes of cherry liqueur and holiday spices on the nose and features chalkier red berry fruits on the palate with a cocoa powder finish.

### VINTAGE: 2010

After a series of dry years from 2006-2009 the 2010 was set up for a successful harvest by a wet winter. A cool spring was followed by a lower than average amount of heat placing the region comparable to a University of California at Davis region III, similar to Oakville or Livermore. There was no significant rain during harvest, disease pressure was low and vineyard weeds were not a problem.

The crop size was smaller than average at 80% of "normal". Fruit flavors were especially intense the wine colors dark. By using our standard "Cool Ferment" technique where yeast is added immediately but the fermentation temperature is held to 75 degrees maximum for red wines we had the advantage of a cool soak without the added problems of unwanted micro flora. We only had about 10-15% new oak for most of the wine. These wines are really fabulous: intense, dark, full of dark fruit flavors. There is still a bit of the holiday spice character that is typical of warmer vintages but it is more subtle.

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<b>GRAPE VARIETY:</b>	100% Zinfandel
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Zanini Vineyard
<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Amador County
<b>ALCOHOL %:</b>	15.5%
<b>RESIDUAL SUGAR:</b>	.08 g/L
<b>PH:</b>	3.68
<b>ACIDITY G/L:</b>	.64
<b>AGING:</b>	4 years
<b>BOTTLING DATE:</b>	March 2012