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PETER FRANUS **2008 BRANDLIN VINEYARD ZINFANDEL**

"Peter Franus has been making zinfandel from the old head-pruned vines at Brandlin Vineyard since 1991. The vines date to the 1920's, on an east-facing hillside at 1,200 feet. In 2008, the fruit went crazy spicy—a blast of Middle Eastern- Indian-Asian-cardamom-fenu-greek-woodland Mount Veeder. That intensity rides on formidable blueberry ripeness, combining in a tart, fresh, satisfying zin. Decanted, it's the kind of wine that could fill the room with its remarkable scent, its flavors destined for roast saddle of venison."

