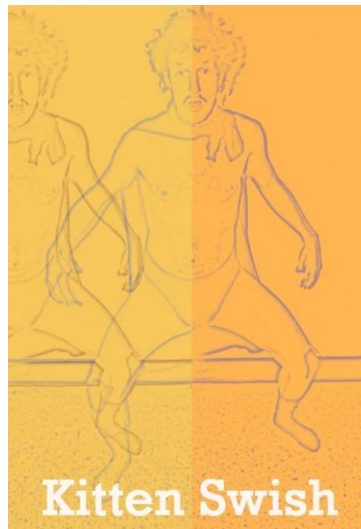




2011
Daniel
Zinfandel
Stuhlmuller Vineyard



The very first Kitten Swish wine ever produced. This was the first foray into our micro-négociant lives. A thought becomes real. That's nice.

The 2011 growing season in California was, well, gross really. It was cold and wet with a good deal of moisture pressure, ensuring rot was lurking around the bend. Growers had to balance trying to push for ripeness and avoid the gloomy rot and harvest rain. A tricky year to start a wine label, for sure.

The original idea for this blend was to be Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon. However, the Cabernet Sauvignon in 2011 was ugly, it had a crooked smile and an odd gait. Too gnarly for our first time out. So we sifted through barrels of Zinfandel and Petite Sirah until we found a combination that meshed well together. We sourced the wine from the Stuhlmuller vineyard in Alexander Valley, a prime spot for Zinfandel. We looked for a bright blend with a bit of structure and a poppy nose of black pepper, squeezed raspberry and warm plums...a bit of something delicious...for your mouth.

The label is a friend of mine, Daniel. The base picture was taken during a show and tell evening in Thailand. I always thought it would make a good wine label. And so it is indeed our very first piece of Kitten Swish art. Also, we made this label unbeknownst to Daniel. Good times.

Sincerely,
Bradley Royale
Kitten Swish™

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It's for your mouth™

