

2014 ZINFANDEL

DRY CREEK VALLEY

83% Zinfandel | 17% Petite Sirah

ALCOHOL 15.5% | BOTTLING MARCH 2016 | CASE PRODUCTION 1030 | RETAIL \$48
AGING 16 MONTHS, 100% FRENCH OAK | WINEMAKER KATIE MADIGAN

VINTAGE

Warm sunny days throughout the spring and summer months set the stage for a spectacular harvest in September 2014. The lack of rain meant that harvest began a little earlier than normal and was short in length, finishing up by the end of October. The temperate days leading up to harvest produced good yields of high quality fruit with concentrated flavors, complex aromatics and excellent structure.

VINEYARDS

Winemaker Katie Madigan sourced Zinfandel from three different vineyards in Dry Creek Valley, a region renowned for producing intense, concentrated Zinfandel. The wine is blended with Petite Sirah for additional structure and complexity.

WINEMAKING

This wine showcases the best of Dry Creek Valley, from valley floor to hilltop vineyards. The well-drained soils and fog patterns from the Pacific Ocean create perfect growing conditions for Zinfandel, resulting in smaller crops with highly concentrated, intense fruit. The grapes undergo a cold soak before fermentation to extract optimal color and aroma. After primary fermentation, the wine is pumped into French oak barrels, where it undergoes natural malolactic fermentation, followed by 16 months of aging.

TASTING NOTES

This is a classic, full-bodied Zinfandel with spicy aromas of dark berries, cracked black pepper and a touch of anise that precede multi-layered flavors of wild blackberry, dark cherry preserves and baking spices. This lush wine shows off firm tannins and a long, lingering finish.

ACCOLADES

90 Points | *Wine & Spirits Magazine*

Double Gold Medal | Sonoma County Harvest Fair



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