

# 2014 OLD VINES ZINFANDEL

## MY FATHER'S VINEYARD, DRY CREEK VALLEY

96% Zinfandel | 4% Petite Sirah

ALCOHOL 15.5% | BOTTLING MARCH 2016 | CASE PRODUCTION 685 | 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

The Standley Vineyard, aka My Father's Vineyard, was named after the original owner's father, who first saw the promise of this incredible vineyard site in the mid 1900s. Located in the heart of Dry Creek Valley, the vineyard captures the essence of this top Zinfandel-growing region. Head-pruned vines are planted along the hillsides overlooking Dry Creek and Lake Sonoma. Well-drained, red soil along with cooling fog from the Pacific Ocean create perfect growing conditions leading to highly concentrated, intensely-flavored fruit.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes are hand-sorted and undergo a short cold soak before fermentation to extract optimal color and aromas. After primary fermentation, the wine is pumped into 100% French oak barrels, where it undergoes natural malolactic fermentation, followed by 16 months of aging. For added complexity and texture, a touch of Petite Sirah is included in the final blend.

### TASTING NOTES

This is a full-flavored, balanced Zinfandel with rich aromas of wild blackberry and fresh sage and big, concentrated flavors of boysenberry and dark fruit with a touch of cocoa powder. Complex and multi-layered, this gorgeous wine offers a smooth and lingering finish.



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