

2017 Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley **Harvest:** September 2017

Fermentation: Fermented in one-ton, open top fermenters

Barrel Aging: 11 months on 20% new French & Eastern European oak

Alcohol: 14.9%

Varietal Description:

Our Dry Creek Zinfandel is comprised of fruit from three different vineyards: Mizany Vineyard, Timber Crest Vineyard, and Pauline's Vineyard. Although all are located in Dry Creek Valley, the different vineyards bring three unique wines with their own distinct personalities. Mizany Vineyard is planted to the DuPratt clone of Zinfandel, which has a spicier character with a darker fruit profile. Timber Crest and Pauline's Vineyards are both planted to the old mother-clone of Dry Creek, but are grown on two very different sites. Pauline's Vineyard is on the valley floor in the famous Cortina gravelly loam, while Timber Crest Vineyard, the oldest of all three vineyards, is planted on the East Bench behind our winery. We take a lot of pride that Dry Creek is known to grow the best Zinfandel in the world, and we feel like blending these three different vineyards gives us an overall picture of the special terroir that is Dry Creek Valley.

Winemaker Notes:

Our 2017 Zinfandel is dense and structured, displaying a ravishing garnet color and showing the bright acidity and fruit of black cherry and smoky plum. Rustic yet plush, aromas of cherry, anise, and underbrush give way to focused flavors of red plum, smoky herb, and pepper.