



# Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel 2018



APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley

ALCOHOL: 16.5%

PH: 3.88

T/A: 6.0 G/L

AGING: 17 MONTHS IN 10% NEW  
FRENCH OAK

CASES PRODUCED: 147

## IN THE VINEYARD

Located in north-central Sonoma County, just northwest of Healdsburg, this rustic wine region is the most compressed, yet easiest to navigate. Its warm climate offers full-bodied Zinfandel wines.

## ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest maintaining ideal acid levels and balanced concentrated fruit flavors.

## CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Dry Creek Valley's winegrowing history is one of California's longest, reaching back 140 years. Dry Creek Valley's microclimate is similar to the Bordeaux region of France. With both coastal and inland influences, long, warm days and cooler nights allow the Zinfandel grape to fully ripen and slowly develop and retain their structure and acidity.

## TASTING NOTES

A beautiful dark red color, this Zinfandel offers fresh aromas of raspberry, boysenberry and notes of cinnamon. A bold wine with structured tannins, flavors of strawberry and cherry are met with gingerbread and baking spice on the textured palate. There is a hint of toasted almonds on the long and lingering finish.