



PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2014

Dry Creek Valley

Z I N F A N D E L

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Zinfandel

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Harvest Dates: September 2014

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.65

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 15 Months in
Francois Frères
French oak,
100% 3 year old

Bottled: February 1, 2016

Production: 580 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The fruit for this release comes from two well-established vineyards right near our winery. Pauline's Vineyard is right across the street and Timber Crest Farms is right outside our winery door. They both represent the heart of Dry Creek Valley and have done so for many, many years. In years when the vineyards have different flavor profiles, we produce two vineyard designates. But in years, such as 2013, when the flavors are very similar we blend them together and make the Dry Creek Valley blend.

The Pauline's Vineyard is an extension of the relationship we have with Randy Peters of the Peters Vineyard. Owned by Randy's Dad and named for his mother, Randy manages this vineyard with the same love and skill as he does the Peters Vineyard. Timber Crest Farms is owned by the Wal-tenspiels, the former producers of Timber Crest Farms dried fruit and is also managed by Randy Peters.

We use many of the same techniques with our Zinfandel as with our Pinot Noir. We cold-soak the grapes for three days and once the fermentation begins we hand punch the grapes in open-top fermenters, a method not commonly used with Zinfandel. The wine is then aged for 15 months in Francois Frères oak barrels. We always keep the grapes separate throughout the process so we can make blending decisions after the grapes have evolved independently. Because we make our Zinfandel using the same techniques as our Pinot Noir, our Zin really appeals to the Pinot lover.

TASTING NOTES

Bright purple color with aromas of sweet cherry, red fruit with a hint of pepper. On the palate, flavors are of deep, very dense fruit driven by cherry, fresh plum and blueberry. Nice texture with a great balance of acidity that lifts and brightens the flavors.

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