



PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2015

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:	15.0%
pH:	3.65
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	15 Months in Francois Frères French oak, 100% 3 year old
Bottled:	February 3, 2017
Production:	537 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The fruit for this release comes from two well-established vineyards right near our winery. Pauline's Vineyard is directly 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 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

Did we mention we make a darn good Zin? We do. This 2015 Dry Creek Valley Zin starts with a complex, and expressive nose full of juicy red fruit with compelling cedar and graphite notes emerging after a few swirls. There's a lot happening on the palate with this wine. Complex layers of dark red cherry, juicy pomegranate and plum flavors are tempered by fresh sage and earth notes. This medium-bodied, mouthwatering wine has great balance too creating a refreshing and enjoyable elegance. So intriguing, this amazing Zin makes us want to eat something with it. Steak? BBQ?

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