



PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2018

Dry Creek Valley

Z I N F A N D E L

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Zinfandel
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Harvest Dates:	September 22, 2018
Alcohol:	14.9%
pH:	3.73
RS:	Dry
TA:	6.5 g/L
Cooperage:	15 Months in Francois Frères French oak, 100% 3 year old
Bottled:	January 28, 2020
Production:	561 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 Waltenspiels, 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

This limited-production Zinfandel shows deep complexity that hints to the grapes' extended time on the vine. The aromas are breathtaking with layers of plum, cacao and dark cherry. On the palate, savor ultra-ripe plum, sweet cherry and black pepper with each sip. As the wine opens, it unveils even deeper plum and cherry notes. This complex, balanced and well-structured wine offers fine-grain tannins and a long finish. We recommend snagging a few extra bottles to enjoy later as it is sure to disappear quickly. Will pair brilliantly with braised lamb shanks, skirt steak fajitas or sausage puttanesca.

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