

2015

BELLE CANYON

zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 92% zinfandel, 8% petite verdot
APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 27.1
P.H: 3.88
ALCOHOL: 14.8%
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Lovely now and over the next 5 years.
Will continue to reveal and develop through 2025.

VINIFICATION NOTES: Fruit for Belle Canyon was hand picked on September 29th. After being crushed and destemmed, the zinfandel was fermented in tank for 19 days before being pressed off the skins. The petit verdot was fermented separately, being pressed off the skins during fermentation to perseve texture and soft tannins. The Belle Canyon wine was aged in combination of French and American oak barrels for 14 months, 20% being new oak.

VINEYARD NOTES: This wine comes from a vineyard on the eastern edge of Dry Creek Valley. Planted in the early 90's, this parcel experiences intense daytime summer heat, before its elevation allows it to rapidly cool down at night. A great deal of handwork is performed to achieve the proper ripeness at harvest. Clusters are thinned up to five times before harvest to allow the remaining fruit to fully ripen.

SENSORY NOTES: Belle Canyon is renowned for its amazing aromatics that jump out of the glass. The compelling notes of dark mocha, blueberry and dried lavender are captivating and reveal the depth of this wine. Lively, bright fruit with wonderful fresh bing cherry flavors lead to complex notes of leather, white pepper and baking spice. The beautiful structure is extremely lush and leads into a long, vibrant finish.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Heritage	SOIL TYPE: Various	ELEVATION: 250-700 feet
VINE SPACING: 8x8	YIELD PER ACRE: 1.5-2.5 tons	ROOTSTOCK: St. George, 110R
YEAR PLANTED: 1906-1999	TRELLISING STYLE: Head trained, cordon	IRRIGATION: Minimal drip

CASES PRODUCED: Stictly limited production.

RETAIL PRICE: \$40

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