2018

Sonoma County

zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY:	81% zinfandel, 8% petit verdot, 6% petite sirah, 3% syrah, 2% grenache
APPELLATION:	Sonoma County
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST:	23.9-27.4
P.H:	3.72
ALCOHOL:	14.9%
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION:	Enjoy this wine through 2025

VINIFICATION NOTES: An ideal growing season was followed by early rains, which brought in balanced fruit with bright acid. Fruit for the Sonoma County zinfandel was picked from September 14th to October 13th. Fruit was sorted and destemmed, with an average of 21 days of time spent on the skins and two pumpovers a day until it was pressed at dryness. The wine was barreled-down into a combination of 83% French, 12% American oak, and 5% Hungarian oak, 18% being new, for 27 months in our wine caves.

VINEYARD NOTES: Sonoma County is home to rich, varied microclimates that showcases the beauty of the zinfandel varietal. Our mission was to create a textured, multi-layered wine that both embraces the layered, fruit-driven qualities of Sonoma County zinfandel while also maintaining its approachability and easygoing nature. To achieve this, we combined the velvety, bright raspberry aromas of zinfandel from Lily Hill Estate with the dark fruit qualities Big River Ranch. Petite verdot adds texture while petite sirah offers a full finish and invites one to enjoy this wine with food or on its own.

SENSORY NOTES: Velvety smooth with bright, alluring aromas of raspberry and kirsch that draws you in to the sensual, balanced mouthfeel. Brightness continues throughout, with a soft, plump finish and a versatility that does not require food yet will not be overpowered by dishes either.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE:	Various, big river	**SOIL TYPE:**	Clay, heavy loam	**ELEVATION:**	220-660 feet
VINE SPACING:	8x8	**YIELD PER ACRE:**	2.5-3 tons	**ROOTSTOCK:**	St. George, 110 R
YEAR PLANTED:	1915-2001	**TRELLISING STYLE:**	VSP and head-trained	**IRRIGATION:**	Minimal drip
CASES PRODUCED:	900				

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