



# 2016

## Sonoma County

zinfandel

### winemaker notes

VARIETY: 84% zinfandel, 10% carignan, 3% petite sirah and 3% syrah  
APPELLATION: 67% Dry Creek Valley and 33% Russian River Valley  
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.4 to 33.0  
pH: 3.83  
ALCOHOL: 14.7%  
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2023

**VINIFICATION NOTES:** After an exceptional growing season that produced wonderful color and concentration, we hand-harvested the grapes for our Sonoma County zinfandel between September 2nd and October 8th. After being destemmed, the grapes received an average of 10 days of skin contact, with two pump-overs a day, before being pressed at dryness. After fermentation, the wine was barreled-down into a combination of 85% French, 10% Hungarian and 5% American oak, with 20% new oak overall.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** The grapes for this complex and alluring expression of Sonoma County zinfandel come from a who's who of top zinfandel vineyards including our own Lily Hill Vineyard, and Big River Ranch. Lily Hill sits on the western edge of the Dry Creek Valley, directly above our wine cave. The steep hillside allows for substantial drainage. The Big River Ranch property is located in the Alexander Valley and has several acres of old-vine zinfandel planted in 1907.

**SENSORY NOTES:** Offering a generous mix of red and black fruit, inviting aromatics and a silky texture, this is a classic expression of Sonoma County zinfandel. On the palate, layers of blackberry, strawberry and red licorice are accentuated by plush tannins, with a finish that leaves you wanting another delicious sip.

#### VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE:	Various	SOIL TYPE:	Clay, heavy loam	ELEVATION:	220 to 600 feet
VINE SPACING:	5 x 8 and 8 x 8	YIELD PER ACRE:	1.5 to 3.0 tons	ROOTSTOCK:	St. George, 101-14 & 110R
YEAR PLANTED:	Various	TRELLISING STYLE:	VSP + head-trained	IRRIGATION:	Minimal drip

CASES PRODUCED: 485 cases

**Bella**  
VINEYARDS & WINE CAVES