



# 2016

## Trot + Follow

zinfandel

### winemaker notes

VARIETY: 83% zinfandel, 17% petite sirah

APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley

DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.7

pH: 3.80

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2025

**VINIFICATION NOTES:** After an ideal growing season that yielded outstanding fruit with great color and flavor, we hand-picked the grapes for this wine between September 10th and October 3rd. The wines were given 18 days of skin contact with two pump-overs a day, and were pressed when the tannins had developed proper mouth-feel. After fermentation, the wine was barreled-down into a combination of 85% French, 10% Hungarian and 5% American oak barrels for 15 months, with 20% new oak overall.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** As a tribute to Lily Hill's rich history, in 2012 we created a special small-production wine called Trot + Follow. In 1915, Italian immigrant Adamo Micheli planted the first zinfandel vines on Lily Hill. Adamo showed his young son Angelo how to prepare the soil for planting. The horses would trot along plowing the earth, with little Angelo following right behind. We were extremely fortunate to meet Angelo and his children in 2007, and this wine pays tribute to his legacy and family. Today, Lily Hill's 100+-year-old vines continue to thrive, producing wines of uncommon character and complexity. To add to the nuanced complexity of this beautiful zin, the blend includes 17% grapes from the acclaimed Big River Ranch.

**SENSORY NOTES:** This dazzling zin begins with aromas reminiscent of blackberry, dark cherry, Dr. Pepper and tea leaves. On the palate, supple tannins and just a hint of spicy oak frame the luxurious dark berry flavors, while elevating the mid-palate. The finish is long, rich and pleasing with lingering blackberry and cola notes.

#### VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Heritage and Dupratt SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam

ELEVATION: 220 to 660 feet

VINE SPACING: 8x8

YIELD PER ACRE: 2.5 tons

ROOTSTOCK: St. George and 110R

YEAR PLANTED: Various

TRELLISING STYLE: Head-trained and VSP

IRRIGATION: Drip

CASES PRODUCED: 142 cases

**Bella**  
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