



2016

Maple Vineyards Annie's Block

zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 97% zinfandel, 3% petite syrah
APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.5 to 26.5
pH: 3.82
ALCOHOL: 15.1%
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2025

VINIFICATION NOTES: Annie's Block was hand-picked on September 23rd, sorted, destemmed and fermented to dryness. The fruit stayed on the skins for 14 days, with pump-overs were performed twice-daily. The wine was aged in 85% French oak, 10% Hungarian and 5% American, for 15 months, with a total of 20% new oak.

VINEYARD NOTES: The Maple's iconic vineyard sits on a benchland in the heart of Dry Creek Valley. They spend time throughout the summer walking the vineyards, checking on foliage and ensuring that each cluster gets just the right amount of sun exposure. The Annie's Block red clay loam soil contributes to this wine's elegant structure and balance, while the warm days provide robust, dark fruit notes. The final blend includes a small amount of grapes from our own Lily Hill Vineyard (4%) and Big River Ranch (3%).

SENSORY NOTES: The zinfandel from this renowned vineyard displays a gorgeous nose of ripe red cherry, strawberry, rose, black pepper and mocha. On the palate, luxurious layers of black cherry and blackberry are underscored by supple tannins and a broad, silky mouthfeel that carries the wine to a fresh and vibrant finish.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Heritage	SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam	ELEVATION: 300 feet
VINE SPACING: 8x8	YIELD PER ACRE: 3 tons	ROOTSTOCK: St. George
YEAR PLANTED: 1968	TRELLISING STYLE: Head-trained	IRRIGATION: Dry-farmed

CASES PRODUCED: 191 cases

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