



2016

Maple Vineyards

zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 98% zinfandel, 2% petite syrah
APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.4 to 26.4
pH: 3.81
ALCOHOL: 15.2%
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2025

VINIFICATION NOTES: After an ideal growing season that yielded outstanding fruit with great color and flavor, we picked our grapes from Maple's Boo's Block on September 21st and Annie's Block on September 23rd. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks for 11 days with careful temperature control to preserve the softer, sophisticated style of this wine. Pump-overs were performed twice per day. 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: Fruit for the Maple Vineyards zinfandel comes from two very special blocks of this benchland property in the heart of the Dry Creek Valley. Tina and the late Tom Maple have dedicated their lives to producing some of Dry Creek's finest head-trained, dry-farmed zinfandel grapes. The red clay loam soils provide elegant structure and balance to this wine, while Dry Creek's warm climate ensures bright fruit flavors. To accentuate this wine's complexity, the final blend includes grapes from Lily Hill (5%) and Big River Ranch (2%).

SENSORY NOTES: Once again, Maple Vineyard has yielded and silky and enticing wine, with lovely aromas of boysenberry jam, cola and ripe dark fruit. On the palate, a rich, creamy mouthfeel supports flavors of blackberry, mocha and black cherry, with a hint of crushed-rock minerality adding sophistication to the long, supple finish.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Heritage	SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam	ELEVATION: 300 feet
VINE SPACING: 8x8	YIELD PER ACRE: 4-5 tons	ROOTSTOCK: St. George
YEAR PLANTED: 1968	TRELLISING STYLE: Head-trained	IRRIGATION: Dry-farmed

CASES PRODUCED: 597 cases

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