

# 2018

## Barrel 32

zinfandel

### winemaker notes

VARIETY: 98% zinfandel (48% Lily Hill, 42% Maple Vineyards, 8% Westphall Vineyard)  
2% petite sirah (Lily Hill)

APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley

DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.1-26.0

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2029

**VINIFICATION NOTES:** Harvest began on September 17th with Lily Hill's Block 4 zinfandel, which was co-fermented with petite sirah from Lily Hill's block 7. Maple Vineyards and Westphall were picked on September 22nd, hand-sorted then destemmed. Each vineyard was fermented separately for an average of 30 days with twice daily pumpovers. The wine was barrelled down into 100% French oak, 33% new, for 16 months in our wine caves. Each barrel was hand selected by the winemaking team.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Located high up above Lake Sonoma at 1,250 feet in elevation in the Rockpile AVA, Westphall's extreme terrain and unique red volcanic soils lead to intense and naturally low quantity fruit yields that produce age worthy wines. Lily Hill Vineyard has become synonymous with zinfandels of elegance and substance. From the first plantings in 1915 to the blocks planted in 2001, this majestic hillside vineyard benefits from cooler nights and warmer days. Maple Vineyards produces 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.

**SENSORY NOTES:** Bright and opulent dark fruit aromas bring this complex wine to light. On the palette, coffee, vanilla and blackberry pie melt into velvety texture and layered, lingering tannins. Well-integrated acidity makes this wine balanced and will allow for extended cellaring. Patience will be rewarded if the Barrel 32 is cellared for five or more years.

#### VINEYARD DETAILS:

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| CLONE: Various          | SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam            | ELEVATION: 220-1,250 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, dry farmed |

CASES PRODUCED: 300 cases produced.

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