

2021 Maple Vineyards

zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 95% zinfandel 5% petite sirah

APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley

DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.8

pH: 3.73

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2036

VINIFICATION NOTES: The 2021 Bella Maple Vineyards Zinfandel is crafted from Annie's Block and Boo's Block, harvested at peak ripeness on September 10th and 13th, respectively. This vintage experienced a relatively light crop and a typical harvest time, although slightly earlier than usual. Hot days in August accelerated the ripening, causing everything to be ready for picking all at once. The fermentation process took place in closed top tanks. An average of 33 days on the skins allowed for the extraction of deep, rich tannins and vibrant color. The wine was aged for 19 months in 100% French oak barrels, with 23% of them being new oak, enhancing its complexity and depth.

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 (Annie's and Boo's). Maple 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: The 2021 Maple Vineyards Zinfandel captivates with alluring aromas of rosemary and cedar that gradually open up to reveal hints of cinnamon, bright cherry, and caramel. On the palate, this wine delights with the flavors of framboise pastry and fresh cranberries, culminating in layers of soft, juicy tannins that provide a wonderfully smooth finish.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Heritage

VINE SPACING: 8x8

YEAR PLANTED: 1968

SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam

YIELD PER ACRE: 4-5 tons

TRELLISING STYLE: Head-trained

ELEVATION: 300 feet

ROOTSTOCK: St. George

IRRIGATION: Dry-farmed

CASES PRODUCED: 507 cases/20 magnums

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