2023
Maple Vineyards
zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 99% zinfandel, 1% Petite Sirah

APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley

DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.8

pH: 3.58

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2035

VINIFICATION NOTES: The fruit for the 2023 Maple Vineyards Zinfandel was harvested on October 12, 2023. Fermentation took place in closed-top tanks over 29 days, allowing for a slow and steady extraction. Two blocks within Maple Vineyards, Annie's and Boo's, were fermented separately. Annie's was guided to emphasize aromatics, while Boo's was pushed further to develop texture and structure. The wine was aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, 24% new, before being bottled on July 23, 2025. Recommended cellaring through 2035.

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 2023 vintage leans into a vibrant, fruit-driven style with a generous and polished texture. The nose opens with brambly blackberry and black cherry, layered with hints of cinnamon and warm spice. On the palate, bright dark fruit carries through with notes of wild herbs and a touch of California bay laurel, giving the wine lift and character. The balance of fresh fruit and savory complexity makes this a distinctive expression of Maple Vineyards.

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: 577 cases

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