

2014

MAPLE VINEYARDS

zinfandel

VARIETY: 97% zinfandel, 3% syrah**APPELLATION:** Dry Creek Valley**DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST:** 25.7**pH:** 3.88**ALCOHOL:** 14.6%**CELLAR RECOMMENDATION:** Enjoy this wine through 2023

VINIFICATION NOTES: The 2014 berries were handpicked on September 11th, sorted and destemmed. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks for 11 days with careful temperature control to preserve the softer, sophisticated style of this wine. Pumpovers were performed twice per day. After fermentation, the wine was barrel-downed into a combination of French and American oak, 20% new, for 12 months.

SENSORY NOTES: A complex wine with pretty aromatics of bright ripe fruit, black olives and licorice. The palette is broad with fruit flavors of black cherry, strawberry and plums. The wine finishes with soft velvety tannins. This wine will continue to evolve for the next several years.

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 provides elegant structure and balance to this wine, while Dry Creek's warm climate ensures bright fruit flavors.

VINEYARD DETAILS:**CLONE:** Heritage**SOIL TYPE:** Clay, sandy loam**ELEVATION:** 250 feet**VINE SPACING:** 8' x 8'**YIELD PER ACRE:** 2 tons**ROOTSTOCK:** St. George/110R**YEAR PLANTED:** 1970-1992**TRELLISING STYLE:** Head-trained**IRRIGATION:** Dry-farmed**RETAIL PRICE:** \$48. Strictly limited production.

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