

2017

Maple Vineyards Annie's Block

zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 98% zinfandel, 2% syrah
APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.9
pH: 3.78
ALCOHOL: 14.8%
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2026

VINIFICATION NOTES: Annie's Block was hand-picked on September 7th, sorted, destemmed and fermented to dryness. The fruit stayed on the skins for 22 days, with pump-overs performed twice-daily. To match this wine's nuanced nature, it was aged in 100% French oak for 15 months, with a total of 25% new oak.

VINEYARD NOTES: The Maple's iconic vineyard sits on a benchland in the heart of Dry Creek Valley. The Maple team spends time throughout the summer walking the vineyards, checking on foliage and ensuring that each cluster gets just the right amount of sun exposure. The Annie's Block red clay loam soil contributes to this wine's elegant structure and balance, while the warm days provide robust, dark fruit notes. The final blend includes a small amount of syrah from our own Big River Ranch Vineyard (2%) to round out the mid-palate.

SENSORY NOTES: A darker, brooding expression from this renowned vineyard. Wild, brambly fruits mingle with nutmeg, vanilla and cola. A round, juicy mouthfeel lingers with silky tannins and entices another sip. This wine is approachable now but will reward patient cellaring.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Heritage	SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam	ELEVATION: 300 feet
VINE SPACING: 8x8	YIELD PER ACRE: 3 tons	ROOTSTOCK: St. George
YEAR PLANTED: 1968	TRELLISING STYLE: Head-trained	IRRIGATION: Dry-farmed

CASES PRODUCED: 100 cases

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