

# 2018

## Maple Vineyards

zinfandel

### winemaker notes

VARIETY: 100% zinfandel  
APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley  
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 26.4  
pH: 3.57  
ALCOHOL: 14.8%  
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2031

**VINIFICATION NOTES:** After an ideal growing season that yielded outstanding fruit with great color and flavor, we picked our grapes from Annie's Block on September 21st. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks for 19 days with careful temperature control to preserve the softer, sophisticated style of this wine. Pump-overs were performed twice per day. After fermentation, the wine was barreled down into a combination of 95% French and 5% Hungarian oak barrels for 20 months, with 22% new oak overall.

**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 2018 Maple Vineyards zinfandel's sophisticated style merges bright red fruits with subtle herbal aromatics of California Bay Laurel. Layers of bright, brambly red fruits, earthiness and mushroom linger into elegant structure and salivating acidity.

#### 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: 595

**Bella**  
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