



# 2019

## Maple Vineyards

zinfandel

### winemaker notes

VARIETY: 99% zinfandel, 1% syrah  
APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley  
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.7 (Annie's Block), 24.3 (Boo's Block)  
pH: 3.81 (Annie's Block), 3.74 (Boo's Block)  
ALCOHOL: 14.8%  
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2028

**VINIFICATION NOTES:** 2019 was a tremendous growing year, with moderate growing leading to extended hang time. Annie's and Boo's block were picked on October 7th. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks for 30-34 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 86% French, 9% American and 5% Hungarian oak barrels for 18 months, with 18% 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 2019 Maple Vineyards zinfandel represents its benchland location perfectly, with explosive fruit of brambly blackberry, raspberry, with a touch of chambord and eucalyptus. On the palate, everything is seamless, with a velvety-smooth texture, and an impressively long finish. This is an expressive, showy vintage that creates a truly memorable wine.

#### 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: 541

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