



FAMILY WINEMAKING
SINCE 1972



WINE CLUB
NEWSLETTER

May 2017



Greetings!

Our 45th anniversary is underway and off to a great start! As we look ahead into the future, we are also reflecting on the past and how much the world has changed since the early days of our family winery. One thing that we know to be constant is our uncompromising commitment to quality and love for the Dry Creek Valley.

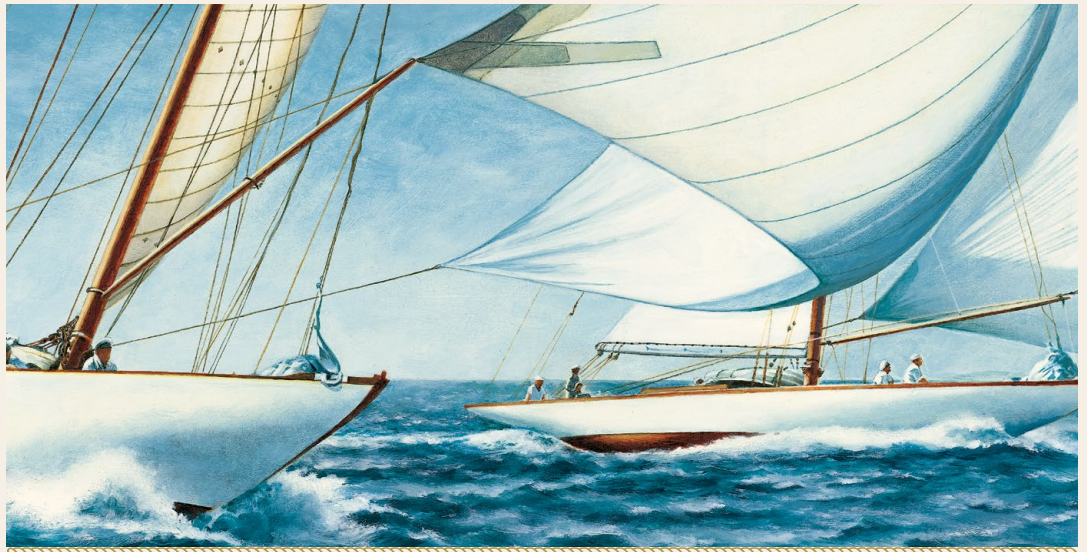
To commemorate the 45th anniversary of our family winery, we chose to create a limited-production wine from the most widely recognized Bordeaux varietal, Cabernet Sauvignon. Our 2014 45th Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon pays homage to the early days of our family winery and the style of our original winemaker – my dad! I hope you enjoy the story about the process of crafting this unique and spectacular bottling.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you for your continued patronage and commitment to Dry Creek Vineyard. We are grateful for your unending support and constant enthusiasm.

As always, I love to hear from you. Please feel free to write me at wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com to share your comments on this club, or your favorite moments with our wines.

My best,

KIM STARE WALLACE
President



45TH ANNIVERSARY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our 2014 45th Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon pays homage to the early days of our family winery and the winemaking style of our founder, David S. Stare. Winemaker Tim Bell carefully considered the history of Dry Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, including the personal preferences of Dave to create this unique, one-of-a-kind bottling.

Dave always advocated for the artful blending of Bordeaux-style wines and liked to add varying amounts of Zinfandel into his Cabernets during the early days. Our original 1973 vintage was a blend of approximately 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Zinfandel, so Tim chose to add 3% of Spencer's Hill Zinfandel to honor both Dave and his grandson, Spencer.

The early Cabernets were harvested at a lower Brix (sugar) level, so a good amount of the first pick of 2014 Cabernet was included to reflect that trend. Each individual lot of fruit was picked at the optimal ripeness, stretching over a span of 32 days from mid-September to mid-October. The 2014 vintage produced full, ripe flavors with lower sugar levels than previous years.

Finally, Tim included a touch of new American oak as a further nod to vintages of the 70s. This wine was aged for 18 months in 31% new French oak, 5% new American oak, and the rest in one and two-year-old French, American and Hungarian oak barrels.

The fruit for this unique bottling was sourced entirely from our home appellation. The Dry Creek Valley is an undiscovered gem, producing some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in California. While it is primarily known for Zinfandel, the valley has nearly as many acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon. Our region's unique *terroir* provides just the right growing conditions for Bordeaux varietals. A perfect microclimate with long days of vibrant sunshine and cool foggy evenings allows for exquisitely ripened Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Morning sun warms the vines and the orientation of the vineyards protects the grapes from the afternoon sun. Bright cherry fruit framed by floral and spice elements create a wine that speaks to the distinctive soil and growing conditions in our valley.

To showcase the *terroir*, Tim selected fruit from the major growing districts of the Dry Creek Valley: the western slopes (Cabernet



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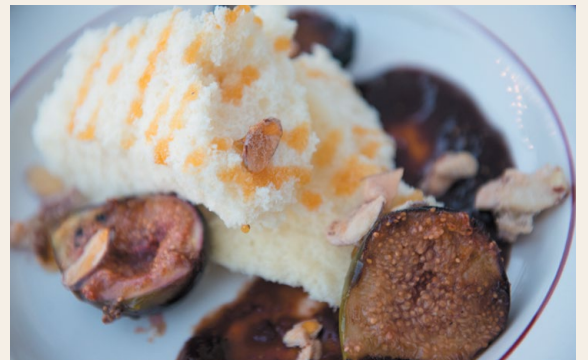
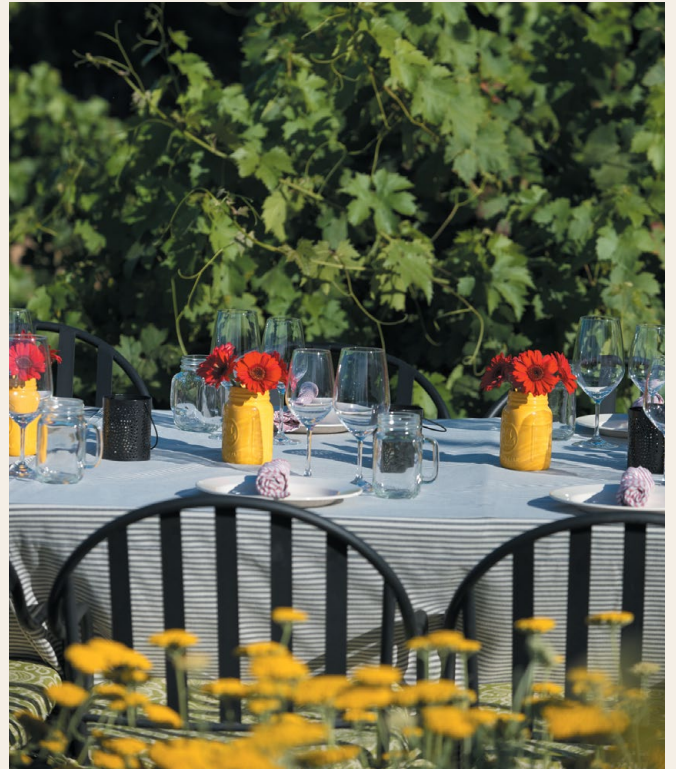
45TH ANNIVERSARY VINEYARD DINNER

July 29: 6 pm | \$95 per person
Maximum of two tickets per membership



Join us for a memorable evening in wine country among the vines and partake in a family-style, farm-to-table dinner to celebrate 45 years of family winemaking at Dry Creek Vineyard. Exclusively for our wine club members, this intimate affair features an incredible seasonal dinner created to pair with our limited production Dry Creek Vineyard wines, including our 2014 45th Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon. Delight in a summer evening in our estate "DCV2" vineyard with your Dry Creek Vineyard wine club family.

Seating is extremely limited. Please RSVP to Salina Littleton at wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com or call 800-864-9463 Ext. 123.



JUNE 23: 6 pm

**Summer Zinfandel Dinner
Wine Club Exclusive**

Join us for a relaxing, casual evening in beautiful wine country amongst the vines and enjoy a family-style, farm to table dinner! Extremely limited seating.
\$95 per person. 2 tickets per membership.



JUNE 24: 1 pm - 4 pm

Summer of Zin

Back by popular demand, the Sun Kings are the Bay Area's premier Beatles cover band. Each year, we sell out our picnic area and witness an awesome concert with Dry Creek Vineyard wines and food available for purchase. Gates open at noon.
\$28 - exclusive wine club member price
\$35 - general public



JULY 16: 12 pm - 4 pm

David Stare's Dixieland Jazz Festival

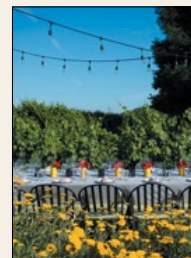
This is a great way to spend the afternoon on our beautiful picnic grounds! You'll enjoy music by David's classic Dixieland Jazz band, The Russian River Ramblers and featured band The Dixie Giants, while sipping Dry Creek Vineyard wines.



JULY 29: 6 pm

**45th Anniversary Vineyard Dinner
Wine Club Exclusive**

Join us for a memorable evening in beautiful wine country amongst the vines and enjoy a family-style, farm to table dinner! Extremely limited seating.
\$95 per person. 2 tickets per membership.



SEPTEMBER 9

Sailing Adventure - Wine Club Exclusive

Join us for a spectacular day on the San Francisco Bay aboard a classic schooner. This club member only event begins with lunch, followed by a three-hour sail. There will only be a handful of slots open for this exclusive experience.
\$150 per person. 2 tickets per membership.



SEPTEMBER 23: 5:30 pm

Harvest Dinner - Wine Club Exclusive

Join us the evening before our Harvest Experience for a memorable dinner amongst the vines and break bread with fellow club members and our winemaker Tim Bell to celebrate Harvest 2017. Extremely limited seating.
\$95 per person. 2 tickets per membership.



SEPTEMBER 24: 12 pm - 2 pm & 2 pm - 4 pm

**Harvest Experience - Wine Club Exclusive
New Release Reception**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and educational activities to help celebrate the season. Taste through our delicious wines, mingle with your friends and fellow club members and enjoy the ambiance of our cellar and outdoor garden.
Complimentary for 2 club members.
\$25 per person for up to 2 guests.



NOVEMBER 25: 12 pm - 2 pm & 2 pm - 4 pm

**Holiday Celebration - Wine Club Exclusive
New Release Reception**

This Thanksgiving weekend tradition is the perfect way to spark your holiday spirit. Our tasting room and cellar will be adorned for the season along with charming gift ideas, delicious nibbles and fabulous club wines.
Complimentary for 2 club members.
\$25 per person for up to 2 guests.



DECEMBER 2: 6 pm

**Holiday Winemaker Dinner
Wine Club Exclusive**

A culinary extravaganza! Join proprietors Don and Kim Stare Wallace with winemaker Tim Bell as they lead you through an incredible wine and food experience. Truly a night to remember!
\$150 per person. 2 tickets per membership.



To RSVP, or for more information on these events, please contact Salina Littleton at wineclub@drycreekvineyard.com, or call her at 707-433-1000 x123.

All events 21 and older



We love your four-legged friends, however we ask that you leave your pets at home during events.

Our Latest Accolades

2016 SAUVIGNON BLANC
Dry Creek Valley

90 POINTS



2014 DCV7 ESTATE ZINFANDEL
WALLACE RANCH - Dry Creek Valley

90 POINTS



2014 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL
Dry Creek Valley

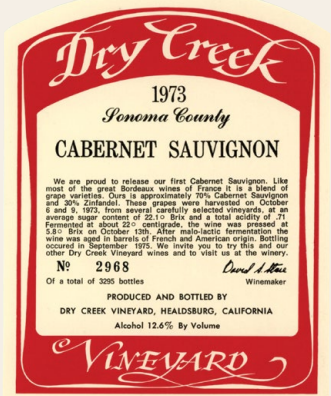
94 POINTS



Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc), eastern benchland and eastern slopes (Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot), and Lytton Springs (Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot – and of course, Zinfandel).

Every great wine has a secret ingredient, and this keepsake bottling is no different. A small lot of Cabernet was picked from a special block in our Endeavour Vineyard. This section features the vineyard’s lowest-yielding vines in the rockiest soil, providing small berries with very concentrated flavors. This prized Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented in new oak puncheons using hand punchdowns, which resulted in an extremely rich and dark component for this incredible blend.

This exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon is a true reflection of the heritage of our family winery and how much we have grown over the past 45 years. It is an incredible combination of yesterday’s winemaking sensibilities, combined with the vineyard and winemaking advances of today to create something extraordinary. Enjoy!



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SIGNATURE WINES	Retail Bottle	CLUB MEMBER PRICING	
		20% Savings Bottle	25% Savings Case
2016 Dry Chenin Blanc - <i>Clarksburg</i>	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$135.00
2016 Fumé Blanc - <i>Sonoma County</i>	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$135.00
2016 Sauvignon Blanc - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$180.00
2015 Heritage Vines Zinfandel - <i>Sonoma County</i>	\$22.00	\$17.60	\$198.00
2012 Meritage - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$270.00
2014 Merlot - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$26.00	\$20.80	\$234.00
2014 Cabernet Sauvignon - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$26.00	\$20.80	\$234.00
2014 Old Vine Zinfandel - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$32.00	\$25.60	\$288.00
2013 The Mariner - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$405.00
LIMITED RELEASE WINES			
2014 DCV3 Estate Sauvignon Blanc - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$28.00	\$22.40	\$252.00
2015 Taylor’s Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc - Musqué Clone - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$28.00	\$22.40	\$252.00
2015 DCV Estate Block 10 Chardonnay - <i>Russian River Valley</i>	\$32.00	\$25.60	\$288.00
2016 Petite Zin Rosé - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$180.00
2015 DCV10 Estate Pinot Noir - <i>Russian River Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 Estate Petite Sirah - Spencer’s Hill Vineyard - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$36.00	\$28.80	\$324.00
2014 Somers Ranch Zinfandel - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$42.00	\$33.60	\$378.00
2014 Beeson Ranch Zinfandel - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$405.00
2014 DCV7 Estate Zinfandel - Wallace Ranch - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 Vogensen Ranch Zinfandel - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 DCV2 Estate Zinfandel - Four Clones Vineyard - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 DCV9 Estate Petite Verdot - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$360.00
2014 Cabernet Sauvignon - Wolcott Vineyard - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$450.00
2014 45 th Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$60.00	\$48.00	\$540.00
2013 Endeavour Cabernet Sauvignon - <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	\$70.00	\$56.00	\$630.00

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