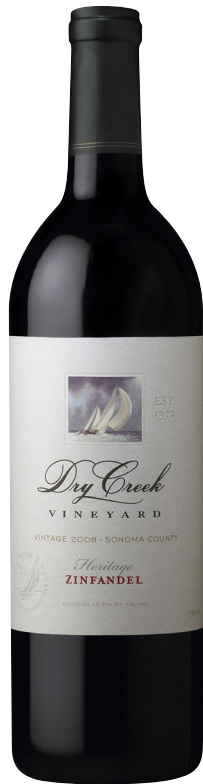


## 2008 HERITAGE ZINFANDEL – SONOMA COUNTY



★★★ – THREE STARS  
*Decanter Magazine*

★★★★ – FOUR STARS  
*The Press Democrat*



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### HISTORY

This wine was first released in 1997 as Heritage Clone Zinfandel. Using old vine budwood grafted into a new vineyard, the Heritage bottling represents the best of a young vine Zin with distinctive old vine characters.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2008 growing season was marked by a frosty March followed by a rainy, windy April. This moderated the crop levels. A warm, dry summer and fall allowed the fruit to ripen early and completely. Quality was very good across the board.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Our 2008 Heritage Zinfandel, blended from Dry Creek Valley and Russian River Valley fruit, shows off all that is appealing about Zinfandel. The warm 2008 vintage gave us beautifully ripe grapes. Aromas of raspberries, cherries and spicy oak are followed by flavors of blueberry pie and dark chocolate. This is a very well balanced wine, flavorful and smooth, made for daily enjoyment.

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**RELEASE DATE** July 1, 2010

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**BLEND** 82% Zinfandel, 18% Petite Sirah

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**APPELLATION** Sonoma County

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**HARVEST DATES** August 28 – September 30, 2008

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**ALCOHOL** 13.5%

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**BRIX** Average 25.2

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**FERMENTATION** Average 18 days in stainless steel fermenters, pumped over twice daily during fermentation.

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**PH** 3.81

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**TA** .61g/100mL

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**BARREL AGING** 10 months in American and French oak, 40% new oak

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**SOILS** Varies with a combination of gravelly loam and clay loam on rolling hills to steep hillsides.

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**VINE AGE** Varies from 7 to 19 years

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**YIELDS** Averages 3 to 6 tons per acre

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