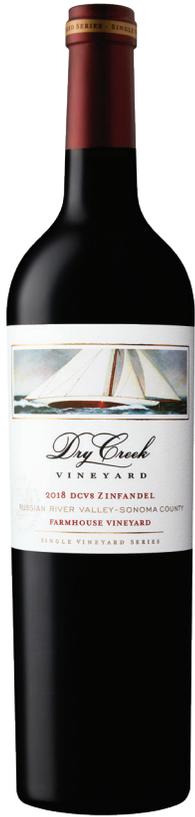


2018 DCV8 ZINFANDEL – FARMHOUSE VINEYARD – RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



HISTORY

This delicious bottling is the fourth vintage of Zinfandel produced from our Farmhouse Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The vines in our DCV8 Vineyard were among the first to be planted using the Heritage budwood concept to preserve the heritage of iconic old vine Zinfandel vineyards. Cuttings from a pre-Prohibition era vineyard were provided for grafting onto phylloxera-resistant rootstock to create a “young vine” wine with “old vine” Zinfandel characteristics, reminiscent of turn of the century heirloom vines.

GROWING SEASON

Following a long growing season characterized by cooler than normal temperatures throughout the spring and summer, the 2018 harvest started 5–8 days later than the past several years. The milder temperatures afforded the luxury of a longer hang time for the grapes, allowing them to fully mature while retaining a high level of acidity. Overall, the harvest was plentiful with some vineyards producing higher than average quantities. The season ended with the ideal combination of warm days and cooler nights which enabled the high quality of grapes to thrive while developing complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Initially, the aromas show fruit-forward tones of boysenberry, black raspberry and tart plum. Subtle notes of allspice and nutmeg come forward after several minutes of airing. On the palate, flavors of black cherry, blueberry and boysenberry mix with soft undertones of white pepper, black pepper and cinnamon. The wine is supple with tremendous complexity and silky tannins. The finish is clean and pure with a refined elegance.

RELEASE DATE	April 2021
BLEND	97% Zinfandel, 3% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
HARVEST DATES	October 4, 2018
ALCOHOL	14.7%
FERMENTATION	11 days in fermenters at 82–88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in Hungarian, American and French oak; 26% new oak
BRIX	Average 25.9
PH	3.77
TA	6.2g/L
SOILS	Huichica loam, clay and alluvial soils
VINE AGE	21+ years
YIELDS	About 4 tons per acre

