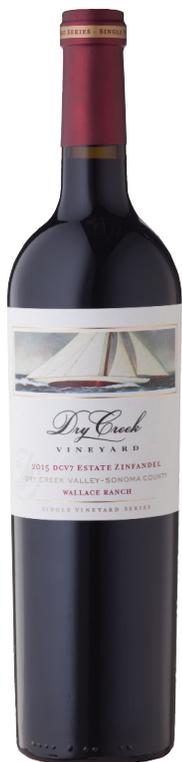


## 2015 DCV7 ESTATE ZINFANDEL – WALLACE RANCH - DRY CREEK VALLEY



### HISTORY

Our DCV7 Estate Zinfandel Wallace Ranch is a case study in the preservation of iconic Old Vine Zinfandel. This incredible vineyard was the first to be planted using the Heritage Vines budwood concept in 1994. As a young Zinfandel vineyard, we isolated virus free budwood from a pre-Prohibition era property planted in 1906. We then grafted the budwood onto rootstock planted in our estate DCV7 vineyard, forever preserving the “heritage”, or link, to the Old Vines.

### GROWING SEASON

A dry and warm winter began the 2015 growing season with budbreak coming in early March. Cool weather came during fruit set, with not a lot of sunshine. A heat spike came in late June. However, the grapes ripened evenly and flavor and development were right where we wanted them to be. Yields were a bit down from previous vintages, but the quality was extremely high. This was one of our earliest recorded harvests with one of the earliest finishes in our history!

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Initially, the aromas show fruit-forward tones of blackberry, raspberry and black cherry. In the background, subtle notes of allspice and eucalyptus come forward after several minutes of airing. On the palate, flavors of cherries and raspberries mix with soft undertones of toasted caramel and cocoa. The wine is supple with tremendous complexity and symmetry between fruit, alcohol, tannin and acid. The finish is clean and pure with wonderful structure and balance. A beautifully balanced wine from an impressive estate Zinfandel property.

**91 POINTS**

*Wine Enthusiast Magazine*

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**RELEASE DATE** October 2017

**BLEND** 96% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah

**APPELLATION** Dry Creek Valley

**HARVEST DATE** September 8, 2015

**ALCOHOL** 14.5%

**FERMENTATION** Average 10 days at 82°F - 88°F; pumped over twice daily.

**BARREL AGING** 20 months in Hungarian and American oak; 23% new oak

**BRIX** 26.9

**PH** 3.54

**TA** 6.9g/L

**SOILS** Yolo sandy loam

**VINE AGE** 21 years

**YIELDS** 3 - 4 tons per acre

