

# 2021 PETITE ZIN ROSÉ

Dry Creek Valley



#### BLEND 82% zinfandel, 18% petite sirah HARVEST DATES AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 FERMENTATION 100% STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTED AT AN AVERAGE OF 55°F FOR ABOUT 24 DAYS ALCOHOL рн тΔ 13.1% 3.46 $6.6 \, \text{G/L}$ SOILS HILLSIDE WITH RED, IRON-RICH ROCKY SOILS VINE AGE YIELDS 25+ years 4 TONS PER ACRE FLAVOR PROFILE STRAWBERRY WATERMELON HONEYSUCKLE WHITE PEACH KIWI STYLE Vibrant Crisp Invigorating Lively FOOD PAIRING Feta Cheese Bruschetta Salmon Niçoise Salad .

## HISTORY

This delicious wine was crafted, first and foremost, from our love of Zinfandel. However, often on a warm summer afternoon or evening, a voluptuous red is not as desirable as something cool and refreshing. This Rosé gives us an invigorating Zinfandel experience for just those occasions. We allow the juice just enough time with the skins to gather some complexity and a healthy splash of color before fermenting it in stainless steel at cool temperatures. A small addition of Petite Sirah lends complexity and freshness to this limited-production Rosé.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2021 growing season was moderate and consistent, with more typical start and end dates for our 50th harvest. Due to drought conditions we saw less shoot growth, so we gave the vines extra care and attention when managing canopies and crop loads. The shorter shoots, combined with a below average fruit set, led to our yield being down across the harvest compared to last year's. However, the quality was very high overall! There was great acidity in the white grapes, like Chenin Blanc, and the wines are fresh, vibrant and aromatic.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Our 2021 vintage of Petite Zin Rosé presents initial aromas of strawberry, watermelon and raspberry. After a few minutes in the glass, notes of honeysuckle, honeydew melon and candied orange are revealed. The palate is refreshing with flavors of white peach, kiwi and cranberry, with hints of cucumber, tangerine and whipped cream. The addition of Petite Sirah lends a beautiful crimson color and nuanced layers of fresh fruit. This luxurious Rosé features a round and inviting mouthfeel combined with lively acidity. This wine is delicious and light with lovely intensity and a crisp finish.