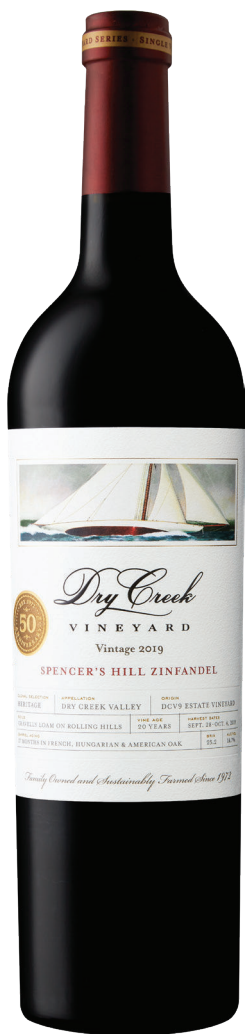




# 2019 SPENCER'S HILL ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



#### BLEND

86% ZINFANDEL, 14% PETITE SIRAH

#### HARVEST DATES

SEPTEMBER 28—OCTOBER 4, 2019

#### BARREL AGING

17 MONTHS IN FRENCH, HUNGARIAN AND AMERICAN OAK; 27% NEW OAK

#### ALCOHOL

14.7%

#### PH

3.76

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6.3 G/L

#### SOILS

GRAVELLY LOAM ON ROLLING HILLS

#### VINE AGE

20 YEARS

#### YIELDS

3–4 TONS PER ACRE

#### FLAVOR PROFILE



BLACK CHERRY



PLUM



BLACK PEPPER



BLACKBERRY



BAKING SPICES

#### STYLE

- Voluptuous
- Aromatic
- Balanced
- Complex

#### FOOD PAIRING

- Stilton Cheese
- Sausage Pizza
- Chicken Wings
- Italian Meatballs

## HISTORY

Spencer's Hill Zinfandel is grown in two small parcels in our iconic estate Endeavour Vineyard in the Lytton Springs area of the Dry Creek Valley. Located at the very top of the vineyard, Spencer's Hill provides us with Zinfandel fruit that is concentrated and intense. The small clusters and low yields from this part of the vineyard provide us with fruit that is rich, ripe and full of expressive berry flavors. Named after winery owners Kim and Don Wallace's son, Spencer, this outstanding wine is as dynamic as its namesake and expresses Dry Creek Valley *terroir* at its finest.

## GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift led to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development, while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last handful of vintages, and the mild growing conditions led to a very long season — fruit was being harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fruit from this dramatic hillside produces intense aromas of black cherry, plum and boysenberry. Secondary aromas of coriander, cardamom and fine leather come forward after a few minutes of airing. Hints of black pepper intermingle with rich flavors of blackberry, dried cranberry and baking spices. Fine tannins shine through with refreshing acidity and exquisite balance. The long, lingering finish of this voluptuous Zinfandel showcases the expressiveness and complexity of the site.