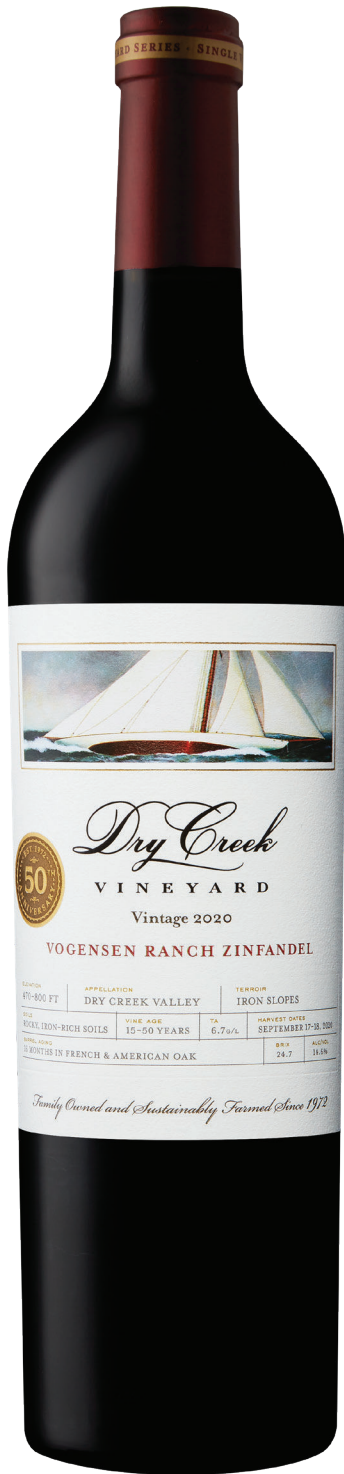# 2020 VOGENSEN RANCH ZINFANDEL
Dry Creek Valley

HISTORY

Rising up to 800 feet off the valley floor, Vogensen Ranch is located on the back of Bradford Mountain and is one of the more extreme growing sites in all of Dry Creek Valley. We have isolated a steeply sloped, well-draining area of the vineyard called "Barn Block" to create this bottling for our single vineyard series. The undulating nature of the terrain and east-facing sun exposure provide grapes that are beautifully ripened and lead to a wine that is silky, textured and well-balanced.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Nature dealt some unexpected cards with the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. Ever focused on quality, our winemaking team implemented an intensive plan for evaluating grapes prior to harvesting. After detailed analysis of each block within each vineyard, we were proud to produce beautifully structured, complex and delicious wines from the challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Aromas of blueberry, blackberry and black cherry jump from the glass and intermix with spicy nuances of nutmeg, cinnamon and white pepper. Juicy, rich dark fruit flavors of brambleberries and plum come forward, combined with deeper notes of black pepper and marzipan. The silky, seamless tannins flesh out the vibrant finish, all framed by refreshing acidity and superb roundness.

BLEND
95% Zinfandel
5% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION
10–15 days in fermenters at 82–88˚F; pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING
16 months in French & American oak; 27% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.6%

BRIX | 24.7

PH | 3.73

TA | 6.7 g/L

HARVEST DATES
September 17–18, 2020

VINE AGE | 15–50 years

SOILS
Rocky, iron-rich soils

YIELDS
Less than 1 ton per acre

PREVIOUS VINTAGE

93 POINTS
Wine Spectator

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Wine & Spirits