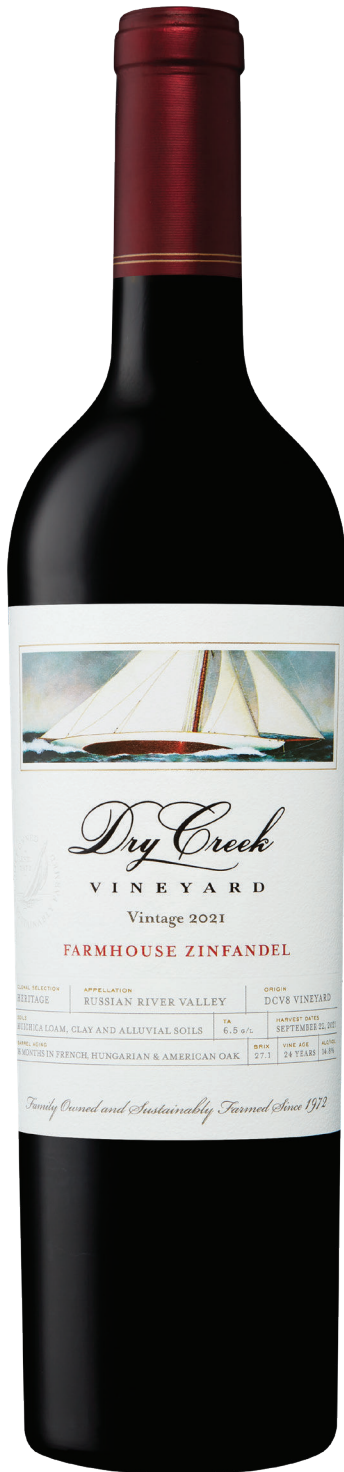




2021 FARMHOUSE ZINFANDEL

Russian River Valley



HISTORY

This delicious bottling is the seventh vintage of Zinfandel produced from our Farmhouse Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The vines in our Farmhouse 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 grafted onto phylloxera-resistant rootstock to create a “young vine” wine with “old vine” Zinfandel characteristics.

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.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The aromas of this vintage show fruit-forward tones of black and Bing cherries, cranberry and blackberry. Subtle notes of mocha, cardamom and fine leather come forward after several minutes of airing. On the palate, flavors of blueberry, cinnamon and toffee mix with soft, earthy undertones. The wine has a rich and deep quality, capturing a desirable elegance with its fine tannins.

BLEND

96% Zinfandel
4% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

12–15 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

16 months in French, Hungarian and
American oak; 31% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.8%

BRIX | 27.1

PH | 3.72

TA | 6.5 g/L

HARVEST DATE

September 22, 2021

VINE AGE | 24 years

SOILS

Huichica loam, clay and alluvial soils