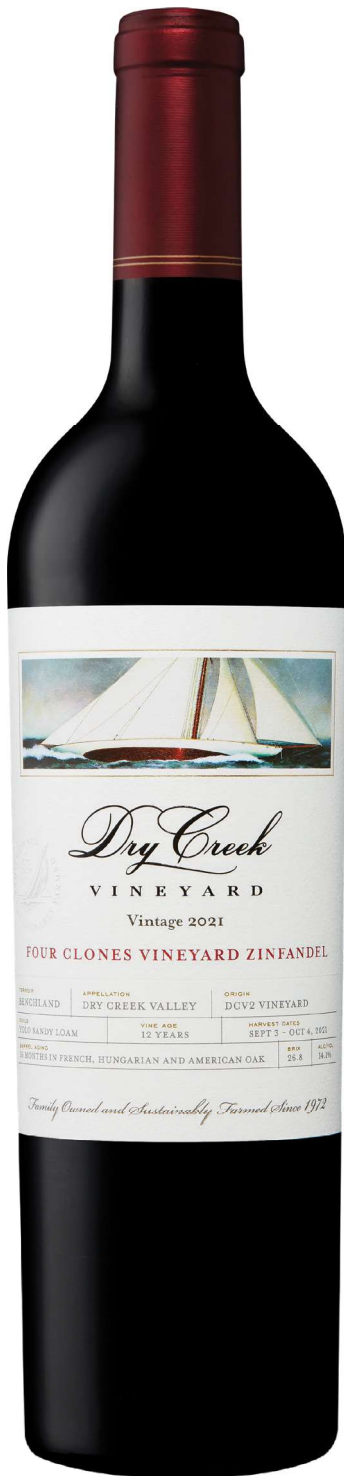




2021 FOUR CLONES VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

This delicious Zinfandel comes from our Four Clones Vineyard, located right in front of our family winery. The incredible 4.4-acre property is a throwback to a bygone era of grape growing. Planted in 2009, this traditional head-pruned, dry-farmed Zinfandel vineyard incorporates four distinct clones: Bradford Mountain, St. Peter's Church, Primitivo and DuPratt on St. George rootstock. This vintage includes a touch of Petite Sirah and Alicante Bouschet, planted adjacent to the Zinfandel. Our desire is to preserve the heritage and authenticity of old vine vineyards for generations to come.

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

At first swirl, fragrant aromas of black cherry, raspberry and strawberry jam come forward. A few minutes of airing reveal notes of marzipan, nutmeg and mocha. On the palate are characters of blackberry and ripe plum, with lingering white pepper, fine leather and cinnamon. The tannins are soft and fine to lend a round, rich mouthfeel. Full-bodied and complex, this Zinfandel is impeccably balanced with a mouthwatering finish.

BLEND

82% Zinfandel
14% Petite Sirah
4% Alicante Bouschet

FERMENTATION

12–17 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

16 months in French, Hungarian and
American oak; 28% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.1%

BRIX | 26.8

PH | 3.58

TA | 6.1 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 3–October 4, 2021

VINE AGE | 12 years

SOILS

Yolo sandy loam

YIELDS

Less than 1 ton per acre