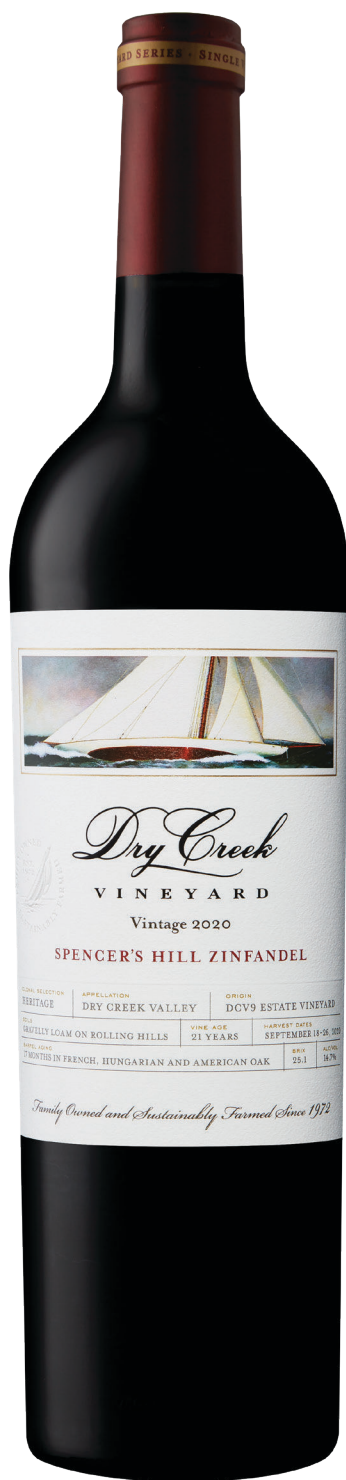




2021 SPENCER'S HILL ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



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

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 lower yields across harvest compared to prior year's. However, the quality was very high overall!

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fruit from this dramatic hillside produces intense aromas of blackberry pie, black cherry and ripe raspberry. Aromas of mocha, vanilla and black pepper also come forward after a few minutes of airing. Experience hints of white pepper intermingled with blueberry and baking spices. This Zinfandel has layers of intriguing flavors that showcase the expressiveness and complexity of the site. Its concentrated fruit shines through a deep mid-palate for a spectacular and voluptuous wine.

BLEND

87% Zinfandel
13% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

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

BARREL AGING

17 months in French, Hungarian &
American oak; 29% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.6%

BRIX | 26.8

PH | 3.50

TA | 6.3 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 9–18, 2021

VINE AGE | 22 years

SOILS

Gravelly loam on rolling hills

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre

93
POINTS
Wine Spectator