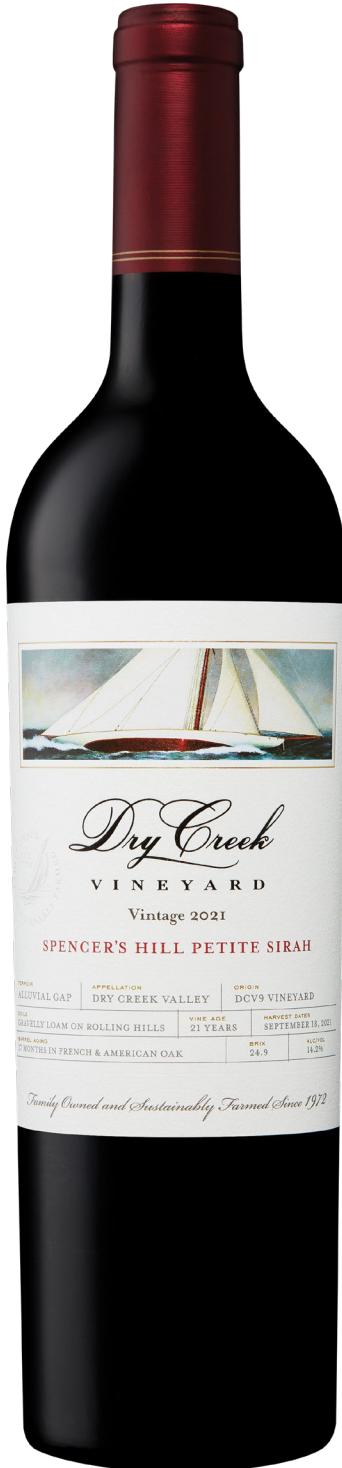




## 2021 SPENCER'S HILL PETITE SIRAH

Dry Creek Valley



### HISTORY

The Petite Sirah varietal has traditionally played an important role in producing our world-class Zinfandel wines. We blend Petite Sirah into several of our Zinfandel bottlings to give the wine a solid backbone with fleshy tannins and excellent acidity. In certain vintages, we decide to bottle a small amount of Petite Sirah to more fully express this incredible variety. This wine was produced from a specific hillside in our iconic Endeavour estate vineyard in the Lytton Springs district of the Dry Creek Valley.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2021 growing season was moderate and consistent, with more typical start and end dates for our 50<sup>th</sup> 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

From the first moments of airing, this voluptuous Petite Sirah exudes aromas of boysenberry, black cherry and cranberry with nuances of cumin, roasted almond, toffee and cedar. The palate is defined by flavors of plum, black and white pepper and fine leather. Notes of mocha and baking spices emerge along a luscious, rich mouthfeel with supple tannins.

#### BLEND

82% Petite Sirah  
18% Zinfandel

#### FERMENTATION

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

#### BARREL AGING

17 months in French & American oak;  
24% new oak

**ALCOHOL** | 14.2%

**BRIX** | 24.9

**PH** | 3.44

**TA** | 6.4 g/L

#### HARVEST DATE

September 18, 2021

**VINE AGE** | 21 years

#### SOILS

Gravelly loam on rolling hills