

2014 45TH ANNIVERSARY CABERNET SAUVIGNON - DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Since 1972, our family winery has led the way in a renaissance of winemaking and grape growing in the Dry Creek Valley. Founder David S. Stare's early vision, coupled with the leadership of his daughter Kim Stare Wallace, has allowed Dry Creek Vineyard to flourish for 45 years. Our 2014 45th Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon pays homage to the early days of our family winery and the personal preferences of Dave – our original winemaker!

GROWING SEASON

An extremely dry winter began the 2014 growing season, giving us year number three of the drought. However, rain came in March and April just in time to recharge the ground water for the early growing season. Warm, dry weather extended into summer, with very few heat spikes and ideal growing conditions. Harvest came fast and early with ripe flavors at sugar levels lower than normal. Harvest finished earlier than normal and by December, the winery had almost 20 inches of rain in two weeks - a welcome relief for the dry vineyards!

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Winemaker Tim Bell carefully considered the history of Dry Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon to create this unique, one-of-a-kind bottling. Our original Cabernets were blended with Zinfandel, so 3% of Spencer's Hill Zinfandel was added to honor both Dave and his grandson, Spencer. Intense aromas of cherry and plum come forward with nuances of white pepper and thyme. The palate is full and rich with flavors of dark chocolate, black cherry and toast. A luxurious mouthfeel is balanced by fleshy tannins to create a seamless experience. Aging potential: 10-12 years.

RELEASE DATE	April 2017
BLEND	82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot, 3% Zinfandel, 3% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 13 - October 14, 2014
ALCOHOL	14.3%
FERMENTATION	Average 17 days at 82°F-88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in French, Hungarian and American oak; 36% new oak
BRIX	Average 24.6
PH	3.62
TA	6.3g/L
SOILS	Hillside, rocky soil
VINE AGE	15 - 20 years
YIELDS	Less than 1 ton per acre

