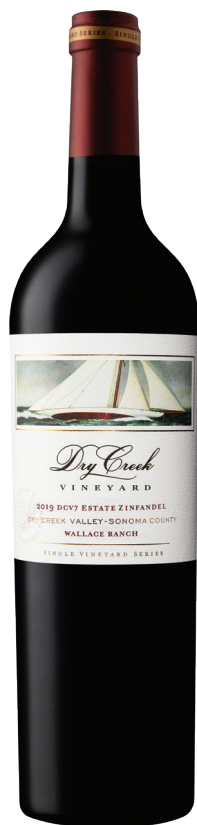


2019 DCV7 ESTATE ZINFANDEL – WALLACE RANCH – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Our DCV7 Estate Zinfandel Wallace Ranch is a shining example of the preservation of iconic Old Vine Zinfandel. This incredible vineyard is on the home property of Proprietors Kim and Don Wallace, and was the first to be planted using the Heritage Clone in 1994. To develop this clone, cuttings from a vineyard planted in the pre-Prohibition era were provided for grafting onto phylloxera-resistant rootstock. We then grafted the budwood onto rootstock planted in our estate DCV7 vineyard, forever preserving the heritage of the old vines.

GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift led to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development, while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last handful of vintages, and the mild growing conditions led to a very long season – fruit was being harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Initially, the aromas express fruit-forward tones of black cherry, cranberry and blueberry. In the background, subtle notes of coriander, white pepper and bay leaf emerge after several minutes of airing. On the palate, flavors of boysenberry pie and blackberry mix with soft undertones of cardamom, dried sage and mocha. The wine is supple with tremendous complexity and symmetry between fruit, alcohol, tannin and acid.

93 Points
Wine Spectator

90 Points
Wine Enthusiast

RELEASE DATE	October 2021
BLEND	97% Zinfandel, 3% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 28–October 5, 2019
ALCOHOL	14.5%
FERMENTATION	12–15 days in fermenters at 82–88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in Hungarian, American and French oak; 27% new oak
BRIX	25.2
PH	3.69
TA	6.6 g/L
SOILS	Yolo sandy loam
VINE AGE	25 years
YIELDS	3–4 tons per acre

