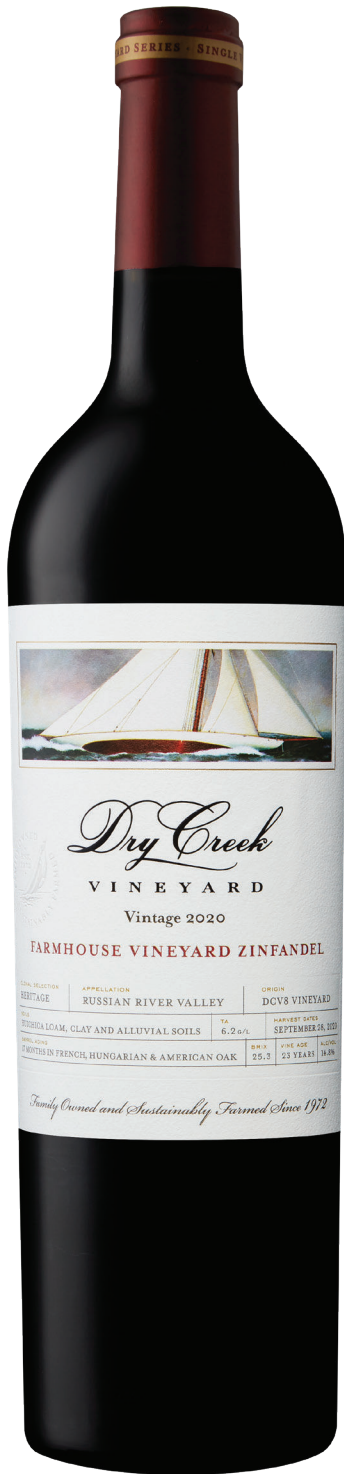




2020 FARMHOUSE VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Russian River Valley



HISTORY

This delicious bottling is the sixth vintage of Zinfandel produced from our Farmhouse Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The vines in our Farmhouse Vineyard were among the first to be planted using the Heritage budwood concept to preserve the heritage of iconic old vine Zinfandel vineyards! Cuttings from a pre-Prohibition era vineyard were grafted onto phylloxera-resistant rootstock to create a “young vine” wine with “old vine” Zinfandel characteristics.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Nature dealt some unexpected cards with the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. Ever focused on quality, our winemaking team implemented an intensive plan for evaluating grapes prior to harvesting. After detailed analysis of each block within each vineyard, we were proud to produce beautifully structured, complex and delicious wines from the challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Initially, the aromas show fruit-forward tones of black and red cherries, cranberry and blackberry. Subtle notes of mocha, rose and earthy nuances come forward after several minutes of airing. On the palate, flavors of plum and strawberry mix with soft undertones of coriander, toffee, toasty cedar and roasted almonds. The wine is supple with tremendous complexity and silky tannins. The finish is pure with a slight spiciness and refined elegance.

BLEND

95% Zinfandel
5% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

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

BARREL AGING

17 months in French, Hungarian and
American oak; 34% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.8%

BRIX | 25.3

PH | 3.70

TA | 6.2 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 28, 2020

VINE AGE | 23 years

SOILS

Huichica loam, clay and alluvial soils

YIELDS

About 4 tons per acre