

2018 SOMERS RANCH ZINFANDEL – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Somers Ranch is located at the eastern edge of the Dry Creek Valley. Most of the ranch has eastern facing hillside vineyards which allow for optimum sun exposure. The grapes for this wine come from two adjacent parcels that overlook the ranch. This was one of the first vineyards in the Dry Creek Valley to be planted using the Heritage Clone. Now over 20 years old, these vines produce rich, flavorful grapes that are balanced and juicy.

GROWING SEASON

Following a long growing season characterized by cooler than normal temperatures throughout the spring and summer, the 2018 harvest started 5–8 days later than the past several years. The milder temperatures afforded the luxury of a longer hang time for the grapes, allowing them to fully mature while retaining a high level of acidity. Overall, the harvest was plentiful with some vineyards producing higher than average quantities. The season ended with the ideal combination of warm days and cooler nights which enabled the high quality of grapes to thrive while developing complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This incredible vineyard provides us with a wine that is dark and rich with aromas of dark cherry, blueberry and cranberry compote, mixed with hints of cardamom, allspice and toasty cedar. The palate is reminiscent of a berry pie with flavors of blackberry, raspberry and black cherry with a touch of mocha. Subtle notes of nutmeg, cinnamon, clove and rose petal add to the lush mouthfeel. This bold Zinfandel is luxurious and fresh with firm tannins and structure.

95 Points, Editors' Choice
Wine Enthusiast

91 Points
Wine Spectator

RELEASE DATE	May 2021
BLEND	86% Zinfandel, 14% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 27–October 6, 2018
ALCOHOL	14.7%
FERMENTATION	12–14 days in fermenters at 82–88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in Hungarian, American and French oak; 26% new oak
BRIX	Average 24.8
PH	3.48
TA	6.4g/L
SOILS	Rocky, iron-rich
VINE AGE	23+ years
YIELDS	3–4 tons per acre

