

## 2014 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 Heritage vine budwood. Now over 20 years old, these vines produce rich, flavorful grapes that are balanced and juicy.

### 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 by December, the winery had almost 20 inches of rain in two weeks - a welcome relief for the dry vineyards!

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Somers Ranch Zinfandel is always one of our most deeply perfumed and brambly Zinfandels. This incredible vineyard provides us with a wine that is dark and rich with aromas of raspberry, rose petal and briar patch leading to a hint of oak toast. The palate is reminiscent of a rich berry pie with flavors of raspberry and boysenberry. Subtle notes of chocolate and toast add to the lush mouthfeel. This wine has full, fleshy tannins that are silky and smooth, seamless from start to finish. Aging potential: 7-9 years.

<b>SUGGESTED CA RETAIL PRICE</b>	\$42/bottle
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	767 cases
<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	February 2017
<b>BLEND</b>	99% Zinfandel, 1% Petite Sirah
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Dry Creek Valley
<b>HARVEST DATES</b>	September 5 - 22, 2014
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>FERMENTATION</b>	Average 8 - 10 days at 82°F - 88°F, pumped over twice daily.
<b>BARREL AGING</b>	19 months in 32% 2nd-fill barrels of French, American and Hungarian oak
<b>BRIX</b>	Average 26.8
<b>PH</b>	3.50
<b>TA</b>	6.6g/L
<b>SOILS</b>	Rocky iron-rich soils
<b>VINE AGE</b>	20+ years
<b>YIELDS</b>	3 - 4 tons per acre

