

## 2015 BEESON RANCH ZINFANDEL – DRY CREEK VALLEY



2014 Vintage

91 Points

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### HISTORY

Planted in 1882, Beeson Ranch is one of Dry Creek Valley's oldest and most prized vineyards. Located along West Dry Creek Road, Beeson Ranch faces east and extends up several gentle hillsides to a forest of conifer trees. The old gnarled vines, first planted by Italian immigrants, provide us with some of our most intriguing Zinfandel grapes. This incredible vineyard is truly a labor of love and stands as a testament to the character and history that makes Dry Creek Valley a special place to grow grapes.

### GROWING SEASON

A dry and warm winter began the 2015 growing season with budbreak coming in early March. Cool weather came during fruit set, with not a lot of sunshine. A heat spike came in late June. However, the grapes ripened evenly and flavor and development were right where we wanted them to be. Yields were a bit down from previous vintages, but the quality was extremely high. This was one of our earliest recorded harvests with one of the earliest finishes in our history!

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Beeson Ranch provides our most distinctive Zinfandel fruit vintage after vintage. Produced from historic, pre-Prohibition era vines, the initial aromatics of the wine are refined and elegant with underlying elements of white pepper and cardamom. After several minutes of airing, more dramatic aromas of boysenberry, allspice and dark chocolate come through with hints of rose petals and pipe tobacco. The palate is supple and rich with silky tannins that mingle with flavors of cranberry, boysenberry pie, hazelnut, plum and milk chocolate. The finish is long and pure with a mouthwatering finish.

RELEASE DATE	February 2018
BLEND	80% Zinfandel, 20% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 11 - 15, 2015
ALCOHOL	14.5%
BRIX	Average 26.4
FERMENTATION	12 days in fermenters at 82°F - 88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in French and Hungarian oak; 29% new oak
PH	3.76
TA	6.3g/L
SOILS	Iron rich, reddish soils
VINE AGE	100+ year old vines
YIELDS	Less than 1 ton per acre