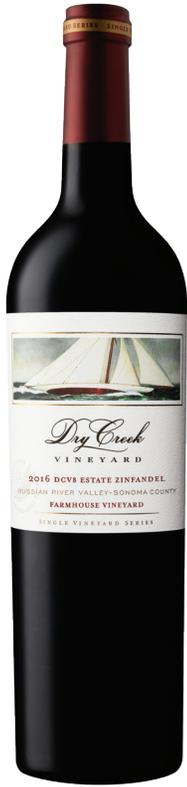


# 2016 DCV8 ESTATE ZINFANDEL - FARMHOUSE VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



## HISTORY

This delicious bottling is the second vintage of Zinfandel produced exclusively from our Farmhouse Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The vines in our estate DCV8 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 provided for grafting onto phylloxera-resistant rootstock to create a “young vine” wine with “old vine” Zinfandel characteristics, reminiscent of turn of the century heirloom vines.

## GROWING SEASON

The 2016 harvest began with a relatively even growing season after welcome winter rains helped to alleviate the drought conditions. The entire ripening season enjoyed cooler than average daytime highs and cold nights – perfect for developing complex aromas and flavors. Harvest arrived earlier than usual, with a slightly smaller yield of exceptional quality fruit. September brought morning cloud cover and beautiful days with temperatures cruising along in the mid-80s, which led to delicious ripe flavors with lower sugars and higher acidity.

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Initially, the aromas show fruit-forward tones of blackberry, boysenberry syrup and fresh raspberry. Subtle notes of sweet pipe tobacco and cedar come forward after several minutes of airing. On the palate, flavors of boysenberry, blackberry and black cherry mix with soft undertones of cola, white pepper and black pepper. The wine is supple with tremendous complexity and silky tannins. The finish is clean and pure with a refined elegance.

RELEASE DATE	April 2019
BLEND	95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 8 - 14, 2016
ALCOHOL	14.8%
FERMENTATION	13 days at 82°F - 88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in French, Hungarian and American oak; 18% new oak
BRIX	Average 26.1
PH	3.68
TA	6.6g/L
SOILS	Huichica loam, clay and alluvial soils
VINE AGE	19 years
YIELDS	About 4 tons per acre

