

## 2016 VOGENSEN RANCH ZINFANDEL – DRY CREEK VALLEY



### HISTORY

This is the fifth vintage from the impressive Vogensen Ranch vineyard. Rising more than 800 feet off the valley floor, Vogensen Ranch is located on the backside of Bradford Mountain and is one of the more extreme growing sites in all of the Dry Creek Valley. We have isolated a steeply sloped, well draining area of the vineyard called “Barn Block” to create this single vineyard wine. The undulating nature of the terrain and east facing sun exposure provide grapes that are beautifully ripened and lead to a wine that is silky, textured and well balanced.

### 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

Aromas of boysenberry and black cherry jump from the glass and intermix with toasty nuances of caramel and marzipan. After a few minutes, nuances of black cherry and sweet pipe tobacco appear. Juicy flavors of black raspberries, fresh cranberries and boysenberry come forward, combined with deeper notes of cola and mocha. The silky, fine tannins flesh out on the spicy finish of black and white pepper, all framed by refreshing acidity and superb balance.

RELEASE DATE	April 2018
BLEND	92% Zinfandel, 8% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	August 31 - September 9, 2016
ALCOHOL	14.8%
FERMENTATION	Average 10 to 14 days at 82°F - 88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	17 months in French, Hungarian and American oak; 31% new oak
BRIX	Average 26.4
PH	3.79
TA	6.6g/L
SOILS	Rocky, iron-rich soils
VINE AGE	10 - 19 years
YIELDS	Less than 1 ton per acre

