

# QUIVIRA

VINEYARDS  
*Intentional wines, naturally.*

## 2017 Dry Creek Cuvée

DRY CREEK VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

This Cuvée is our answer to the versatility and easy drinkability of a top-notch Cotes du Rhône blend. We embrace a similar mix of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, plus a nod to our home by adding a splash of Zinfandel.

### THE VINTAGE

This year's harvest was a bit unusual. Winter gave us twice our normal rainfall ending a five-year drought. Summer was hot with several days above 100 degrees. A devastating fire in our region ended our season bringing to a close a dramatic year. Despite all this, the grapes fared well and are showing concentrated, bright flavors in the wine.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This Cuvée is something that we create every so often when the vintage and the vineyard speak to us. 2017 was such a year. All of the fruit was handpicked, with each varietal occurring at a different time. Such is the nature of our estate – different clones and varieties keep our Vineyard Manager, Ned Horton, on his toes. Extra work but big payout in flavor. Each lot was cold-soaked, pressed, and vinified separately. Fermentation occurred in open-top fermenters and the moved to neutral French oak barrels. After aging, individual lots were tasted to create the final blend.

### THE WINE

Thoroughly modern with a proud heritage, our Cuvée blends four varietals grown on our estate to create a singular wine. With a preponderance of Grenache for aromatics, our winemaker brought in Syrah to give a bit of spice and backbone, the Mourvèdre for depth and earthy complexity, and a touch of Zinfandel that lends a bit of "local flavor", our Dry Creek Valley terroir of bright fresh fruit as the finishing touch. Sip away and uncover notes of strawberry shortcake, cranberry, pepper, anise, and olives with a romantic whisper of falling leaves. Dishes with a hearty-sauce, think bouillabaisse, cioppino, or stew, are a tasty match. This easygoing wine is perfect with grass-fed hamburgers (or even an "impossible" burger) and pasta drenched in red sauce. Another staff favorite? Toasted, spiced nuts. Trust us.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

HARVESTED | BOTTLED..... September 8 – 21, 2017 | September 3, 2019  
APPELLATION..... Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County  
VINEYARDS..... 95% Wine Creek Ranch, 5% Pillsbury Vineyard - both organically-farmed.  
COMPOSITION..... 74% Grenache, 11% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Zinfandel  
FERMENTATION..... Predominantly open-top fermenters.  
BARREL AGING..... 18 months aging in cooperage, all French barrels (10% new) of varying sizes. Four months aging in stainless steel prior to bottling.  
PRODUCTION..... 1000 cases  
STATS..... 14.3% ABV | pH 3.56 | TA 0.62  
RETAIL PRICE..... \$25  
WINEMAKER..... Hugh Chappelle

