

ESTATE VINEYARDS | 2019

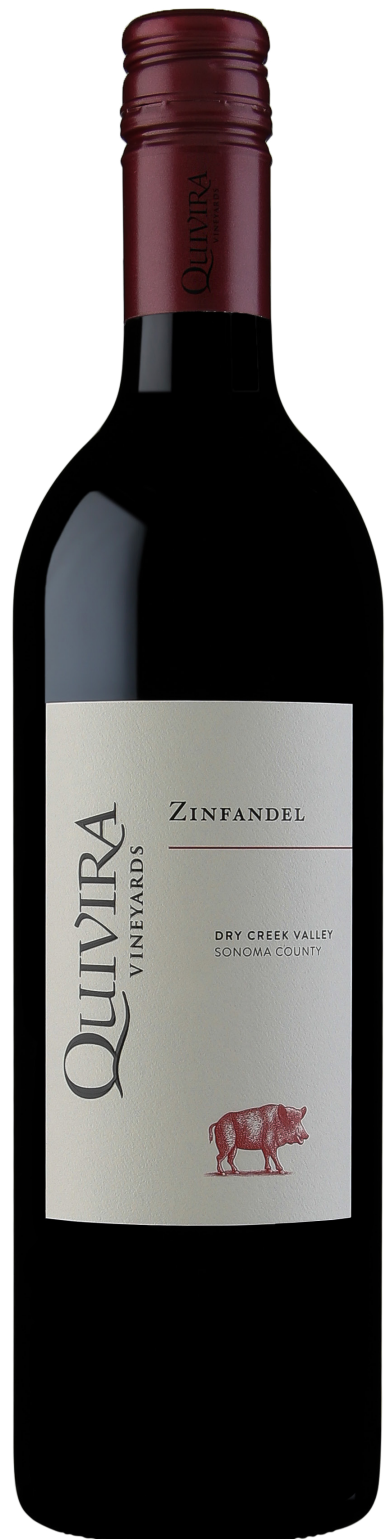
## Zinfandel

DRY CREEK VALLEY

Our Dry Creek Zinfandel captures everything we have learned farming our estate vineyards for more than four decades, and all that we love in a plush, balanced, savory wine. This wine showcases Zinfandel's allure, complexity, and incredible versatility.

*"Our signature 'phased picking' captures a broad scope of flavors. The lower sugar levels bring in red fruit flavors alongside notes of black pepper with crisp acid and lower alcohol, while higher sugar levels highlight deeper dark fruit notes like boysenberry and blackberry."*

WINEMAKER HUGH CHAPPELLE



### CCOF CERTIFIED | 68% WINE CREEK RANCH, 32% ANDERSON RANCH

► The 110-acre Wine Creek Ranch is home to 59 acres of vineyards that surround our winery and tasting room. As the coolest site in Dry Creek Valley (according to Adcon weather station), the Mediterranean climate and well-drained soils are ideal for Zinfandel, producing a noticeably elegant expression of the valley's signature varietal. Nearby in the Lytton Springs corridor, Anderson Ranch sits on an elevated benchland where decomposed sandstone soils develop an aromatic-driven Zinfandel with exceptional natural acidity.

### VINTAGE

► Winter and Spring were notable for above average rainfall with 49" on our home estate. The balance of the growing season was mild with temperatures slightly below average. May's rain drove vigorous canopy growth and increased cluster weights demanding more attention from our vineyard crew. As a result, the wines turned out with a heightened red fruit, grainy tannins, and juicy natural acidity.

### WINEMAKING

► Phased picking at different maturity levels, between 23 to 26 Brix. Petite Sirah added to punctuate our flavor "spice box". After hand-sorting and gently destemming, a 3-5 day cold soak preceded fermentation in open and closed-top tanks, each chosen to suit the individual lot's profile. Malolactic fermentation (ML) occurred in barrel, a mix of French, Hungarian, and American oak (20% new) of varying sizes.

### TASTING NOTES

► Bright garnet in color that fades to a light pinkish ruby rim. The nose is a mixed basket of red and blue fruit. Red raspberry and cherry dominate but are complimented by both blackberry and marionberry. Classic white pepper and nutmeg flavors along with delicate green herbs reminiscent of tomato leaf. This is all supported by delicate oak tones, medium plus acidity and lower expression of alcohol. Overall, a bright, cheery, and incredibly balanced expression of Dry Creek Valley.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

► 94% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah

### HARVEST DATES

► Early Sept. - mid-October, 2019

### pH | TA

► 3.48 | 0.58

### ALCOHOL

► 14.5%

### AGING

► Oak aged 11 months

### BOTTLING DATE

► November 19, 2020

### PRODUCTION

► 3052 Cases

### PRICE

► \$28

