



SONOMA COUNTY | 2020

# Zinfandel

ESTATE & LOCAL VINEYARDS

Our Sonoma County 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 release showcases Zinfandel's allure, complexity, and incredible versatility.

*“What is exceptional about 2020 is the trifecta of richness and concentration juxtaposed against exceptional natural acidity and perfectly ripe tannins. These are not shy wines but are still light on their feet with a sense of elegance that belies their amplitude of aroma and flavor.”*

WINEMAKER HUGH CHAPPELLE



63% ESTATE GROWN CCOF CERTIFIED WINE CREEK & ANDERSON RANCH  
37% LOCALLY GROWN OLD VINE / DRY FARMED

► In 2020, our organically-grown estate fruit was complemented by carefully selected old-vine, dry-farmed material from like-minded growers within just a few short miles of the winery (a handful just outside the Dry Creek Valley AVA border). The slightly broader scope of sourcing allowed us to balance the exuberance of our estate-grown organic fruit with the depth and concentration that only truly old vines can provide. As always, estate material anchors this wine, reinforcing our elegant, aromatic-driven style.

### VINTAGE

► 2020 will not be a vintage soon forgotten. What was an exceptional vintage by almost any measure became a challenge when wildfires came to the county in late August. While, like many Sonoma County wineries, we lost a portion of our fruit, what we retained and bottled is simply fantastic. Rigorous lab testing and tasting ensures these will be wines that continue to reward for many years to come with good cellaring.

### WINEMAKING

► Phased picking was compressed in 2020 and fermentations were cooler than normal, with no cold-soaking. Overall, skin contact took an “infusion” approach, emphasizing passive extraction. This more hands off technique yielded gorgeous, beautifully extracted wines loaded with character. Thoughtful co-fermentation with small amounts of Petite Sirah and Grenache were combined with small doses of Cabernet and Syrah to tie this balanced wine together. Wine was aged in cooperage of varying sizes with just 10% new oak.

### TASTING NOTES

► A luminescent ruby color introduces a nose filled with red cherry, ripe raspberry, classic white pepper, and hints of peach yogurt and rose petal. Flavors center on red and blue fruits, intricately laced alongside refreshing, balanced acidity. It has density and layers of texture, but is not at all heavy. Overall, both a masculine and feminine expression that sits lightly on the palate with fines herbes, blueberry, cherry, and the faintest kiss of oak.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

► 87% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah, 5% Grenache, 2% Cabernet, 1% Syrah

### HARVEST DATES

► September 3-30, 2020

### pH | TA

► 3.44 / 0.67

### ALCOHOL

► 14.5%

### AGING

► Oak aged 15 months

### BOTTLING DATES

► February 9-10, 2022

### PRODUCTION

► 3396 Cases

### PRICE

► \$28