



### HISTORY

The Petite Sirah varietal has traditionally played an important role in producing our world-class Zinfandel wines. We blend Petite Sirah into several of our Zinfandel bottlings to give the wine a solid backbone with fleshy tannins and excellent acidity. In certain vintages, we decide to bottle a small amount of Petite Sirah to more fully express this incredible variety. This wine was produced from our iconic DCV9 estate vineyard in the Lytton Springs district of the Dry Creek Valley.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2017 growing season started off with record-setting rainfalls that were much appreciated after almost five years of drought. As flowering started, foggy and windy days, as well as unusual heat spikes made for an eclectic mix of conditions. An extreme heat wave at the end of August through the first few days of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of the harvest. As the heatwave broke and temperatures actually fell to below normal ranges, the pace slowed to allow the vines and our winemaking team to catch their breath. At the time of the wildfires in October, nearly all of our lots had already been harvested. Despite the unusual cards that nature dealt, the 2017 vintage shows excellent concentration of flavors and outstanding varietal quality.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

From the first moments of airing, aromatics of blackberry, black cherry and dried cranberry come forward with nuances of caramel, nutmeg and cedar. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied and rich, showcasing flavors of boysenberry, plum and dark chocolate with deep and complex notes of allspice, white pepper and espresso. The tannins are firm, but well integrated with a long and lingering finish.

92 Points  
Wine & Spirits

RELEASE DATE	February 2020
BLEND	100% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 26, 2017
ALCOHOL	13.9%
FERMENTATION	8 days in fermenters at 82 - 88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	17 months in French, Hungarian and American oak; 27% new oak
BRIX	Average 24.0
PH	3.69
TA	6.4g/L
SOILS	Rolling hills with gravelly loam soil
VINE AGE	17 years
YIELDS	3-4 tons per acre

