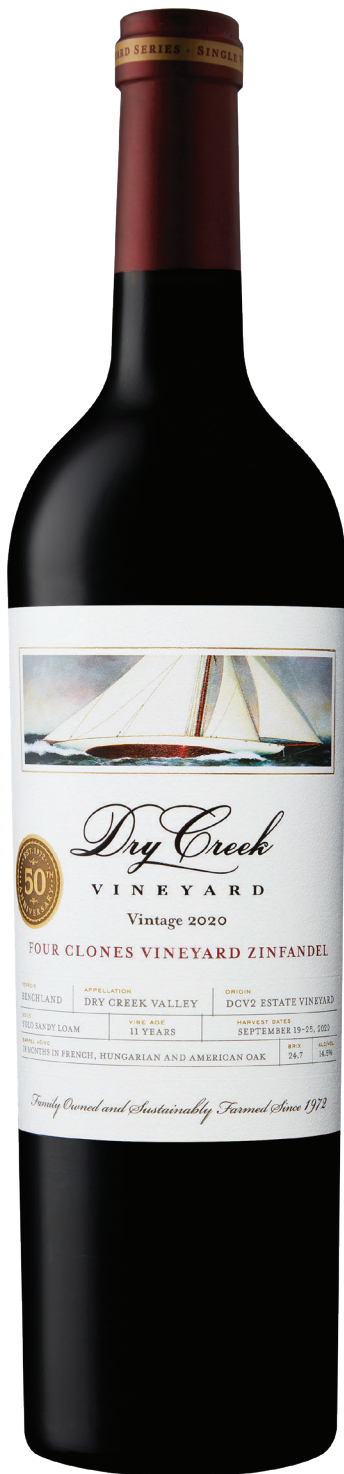




2020 FOUR CLONES VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

This delicious Zinfandel comes from our Four Clones Vineyard, located right in front of our family winery. The incredible 4.4-acre property is a throwback to a bygone era of grape growing. Planted in 2009, this traditional head-pruned, dry-farmed Zinfandel vineyard incorporates four distinct clones: Bradford Mountain, St. Peter's Church, Primitivo and DuPratt on St. George rootstock. This vintage includes a touch of Petite Sirah and Alicante Bouschet, planted adjacent to the Zinfandel. Our desire is to preserve the heritage and authenticity of old vine vineyards for generations to come.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Nature dealt some unexpected cards with the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. Ever focused on quality, our winemaking team implemented an intensive plan for evaluating grapes prior to harvesting. After detailed analysis of each block within each vineyard, we were proud to produce beautifully structured, complex and delicious wines from the challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

At first swirl, fragrant aromas of coriander, cinnamon and cocoa powder come forward. A few minutes of airing reveal notes of blackberry, boysenberry and cranberry. On the palate are characters of blackberry and blueberry, with lingering white pepper, mocha and cumin. The tannins are silky and smooth to lend a round, rich mouthfeel. Full-bodied and complex, this estate Zinfandel is impeccably balanced with a mouthwatering finish.

BLEND

87% Zinfandel
10% Petite Sirah
3% Alicante Bouschet

FERMENTATION

11-16 days in fermenters at 82-88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

18 months in French, Hungarian and
American oak; 27% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

BRIX | 24.7

PH | 3.55

TA | 6.5 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 19-25, 2020

VINE AGE | 11 years

SOILS

Yolo sandy loam

YIELDS

Less than 1 ton per acre