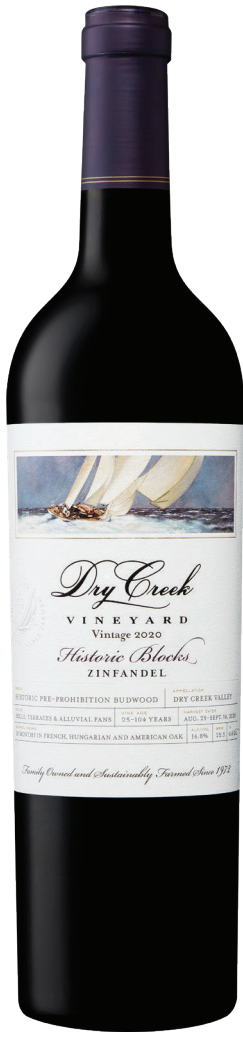




# 2020 HISTORIC BLOCKS ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



**BLEND**  
77% ZINFANDEL, 15% PETITE SIRAH,  
8% ALICANTE BOUSCHET

**HARVEST DATES**  
AUGUST 29—SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

**BARREL AGING**  
18 MONTHS IN FRENCH, HUNGARIAN AND  
AMERICAN OAK; 29% NEW OAK

<b>ALCOHOL</b> 14.8%	<b>PH</b> 3.61	<b>TA</b> 6.4 G/L
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**SOILS**  
HUICHICA LOAM, CLAY, ALLUVIAL SOILS

<b>VINE AGE</b> 25–104 YEARS	<b>YIELDS</b> 2–3 TONS PER ACRE
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**FLAVOR PROFILE**

				
BOYSENBERRY	ORANGE PEEL	BLACK CHERRY	CRANBERRY	WHITE PEPPER

- STYLE**
- Spicy
  - Full-Bodied
  - Balanced
  - Plush Tannins

- FOOD PAIRING**
- Italian Sausage
  - Burgers
  - Grilled Steak
  - Barbecued Short Ribs

## HISTORY

Our Historic Blocks Zinfandel is a tribute to the legacy vineyards of Dry Creek Valley and our family winery's enduring commitment to preserve the extraordinary heritage of Zinfandel. Located primarily along the eastern bench of the valley, specific blocks of old vine Zinfandel were selected as the backbone of this robust and luxurious wine. These century-old, gnarled vines are still tended to by hand, preserving this beloved tradition and living testament to the remarkable history of our home appellation.

## 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

This vintage presents inviting aromatics of boysenberry, blackberry and plum with notes of orange peel, baking spice and toasty cedar. On the palate, layers of black cherry, cranberry and raspberry come forward with nuances of coriander, white pepper, mocha and rose petal. The wine is full-bodied, with deep richness and impeccable balance. Its tannins are slightly firm and lend a plush mouthfeel.