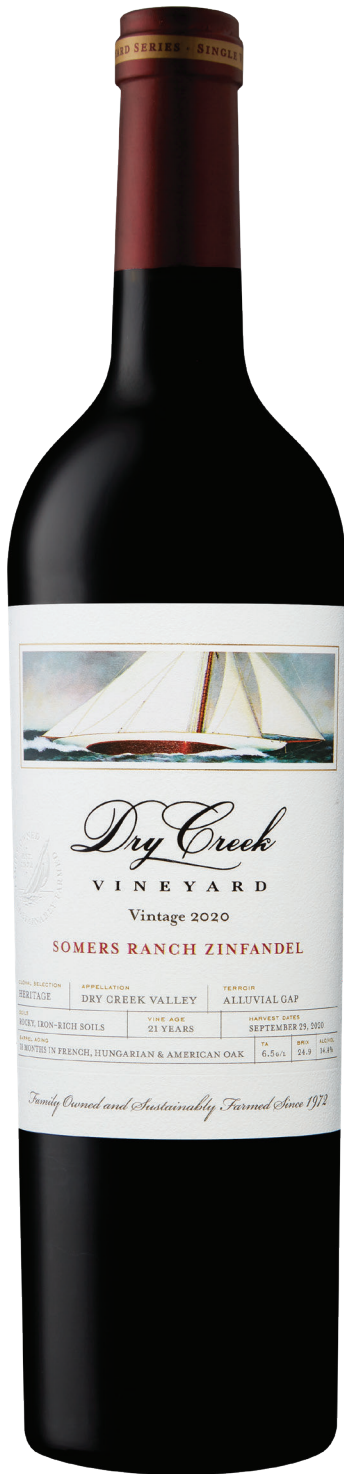




2020 SOMERS RANCH ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

Somers Ranch is located at the eastern edge of the Dry Creek Valley. Most of the ranch has eastern-facing hillside vineyards which allow for optimal sun exposure. The grapes for this wine come from two adjacent parcels that overlook the ranch. This was one of the first vineyards in the Dry Creek Valley to be planted using the Heritage Clone. Now over 20 years old, these vines produce rich, flavorful grapes that are balanced and juicy.

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 incredible vineyard provides us with a wine that is dark and rich with fruit-forward aromas of blackberry, plum, raspberry and blueberry, mixed with hints of toasty cedar, nutmeg and cumin. The palate is lively with black cherry, marzipan, caramel and dark chocolate. Subtle notes of fine leather and baking spices add to its lush and complex mouthfeel. This bold Zinfandel is luxurious and fresh with firm tannins and structure.

BLEND

79% Zinfandel
21% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

10–14 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

18 months in French, Hungarian
& American oak; 33% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.4%

BRIX | 24.9

PH | 3.63

TA | 6.5 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 29, 2020

VINE AGE | 21 years

SOILS

Rocky, iron-rich

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre

PREVIOUS VINTAGE

94
POINTS

Wine Spectator