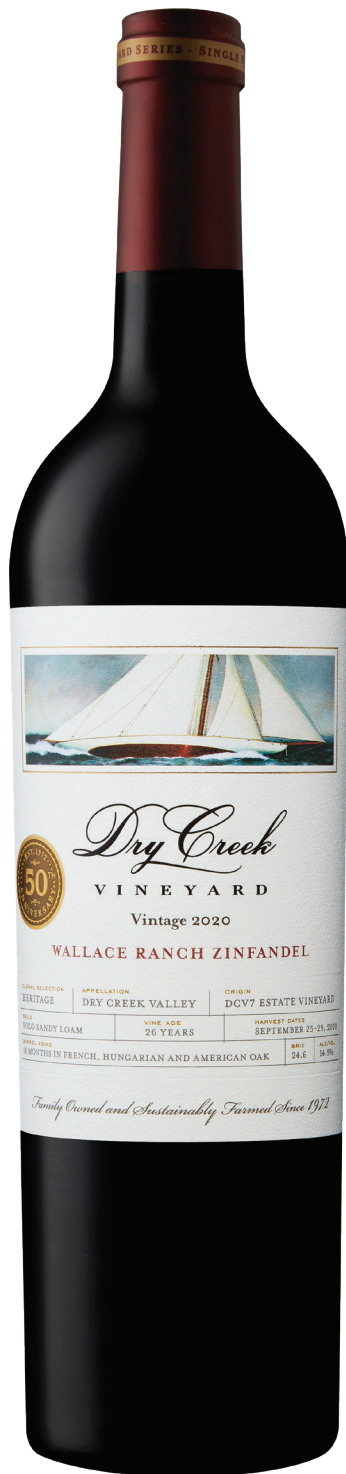




2020 WALLACE RANCH ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

Our Wallace Ranch Zinfandel is a shining example of the preservation of iconic Old Vine Zinfandel. This incredible vineyard is on the home property of Proprietors Kim and Don Wallace, and was the first to be planted using the Heritage Clone in 1994. To develop this clone, we grafted budwood from a pre-Prohibition vineyard onto phylloxera-resistant rootstock in our estate Wallace Ranch vineyard, forever preserving the heritage of the old vines and crafting a “young vine” wine with “old vine” characteristics.

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

Initially, the aromas express fruit-forward tones of black cherry, blackberry and raspberry. In the background, subtle notes of coriander, white pepper and cumin emerge after several minutes of airing. On the palate, flavors of cranberry and boysenberry pie mix with soft undertones of cardamom, nutmeg and mocha. The wine is supple with tremendous complexity and symmetry between fruit, alcohol, tannin and acid.

BLEND

97% Zinfandel
3% Alicante Bouschet

FERMENTATION

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

BARREL AGING

16 months in French, Hungarian
& American oak; 26% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

BRIX | 24.6

PH | 3.65

TA | 6.3 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 25–29, 2020

VINE AGE | 26 years

SOILS

Yolo sandy loam

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre

PREVIOUS VINTAGE

93
POINTS
Wine Spectator