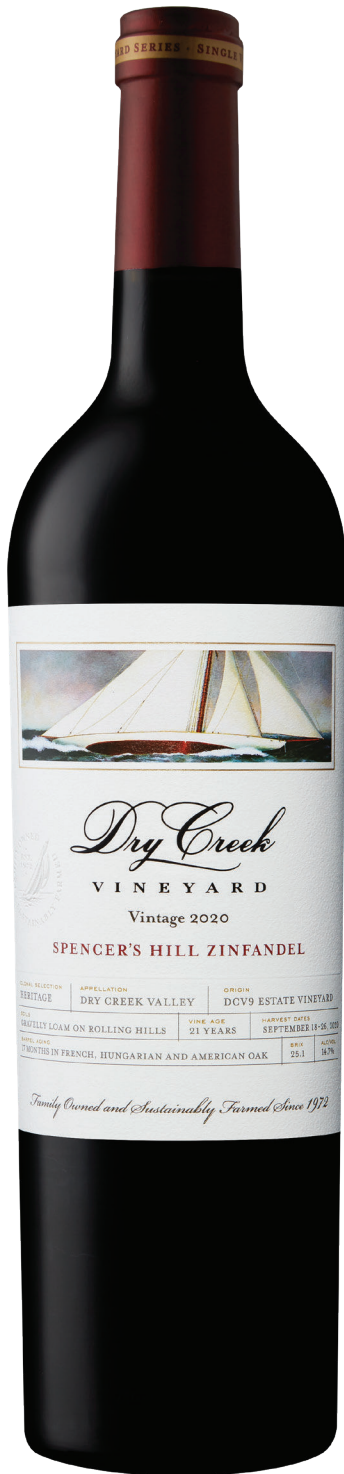




2020 SPENCER'S HILL ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

Spencer's Hill Zinfandel is grown in two small parcels in our iconic estate Endeavour Vineyard in the Lytton Springs area of the Dry Creek Valley. Located at the very top of the vineyard, Spencer's Hill provides us with Zinfandel fruit that is concentrated and intense. The small clusters and low yields from this part of the vineyard provide us with fruit that is rich, ripe and full of expressive berry flavors. Named after winery owners Kim and Don Wallace's son, Spencer, this outstanding wine is as dynamic as its namesake and expresses Dry Creek Valley *terroir* at its finest.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and early 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 block-by-block analysis, we were proud to produce beautifully structured wines from this challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fruit from this dramatic hillside produces intense aromas of black cherry, blackberry and blueberry. Aromas of mocha, plum and cedar also come forward after a few minutes of airing. Experience hints of white pepper intermingled with rich boysenberry, raspberry and baking spices. This Zinfandel has layers of intriguing flavors that showcase the expressiveness and complexity of the site. Its concentrated fruit shines through a deep mid-palate for a spectacular and voluptuous wine!

BLEND

80% Zinfandel
20% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

9-12 days in fermenters at 78-84°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

17 months in Hungarian, French &
American oak; 30% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.7%

BRIX | 25.1

PH | 3.65

TA | 6.2 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 18-26, 2020

VINE AGE | 21 years

SOILS

Gravelly loam on rolling hills

YIELDS

3-4 tons per acre

PREVIOUS VINTAGE

95
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