



## 2022 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 2022 harvest was compressed, starting with an early budbreak in the spring. A heatwave at the beginning of September accelerated ripening and shifted the timeline of a significant number of vineyards, setting the earliest recorded picks in the history of our family winery, particularly for red varieties. Fortunately, some rain following the heat wave mitigated the increase in sugars, resulting in a high-quality, yet short and intense harvest that spanned just 44 days. We are pleased with this vintage — cluster and berry sizes were down, but aromatics and flavors in the wines are abundant!

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2022 Spencer's Hill Zinfandel showcases deep aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, blueberry and black cherry, accented by hints of marzipan, cardamom and dark chocolate. The palate is rich and layered, with concentrated flavors of dark berries, espresso, cedar and spice. Full-bodied yet balanced, this hillside Zinfandel offers supple tannins, vibrant acidity and a long, expressive finish.

### BLEND

78% Zinfandel  
22% Petite Sirah

### FERMENTATION

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

### BARREL AGING

16 months in French, Hungarian &  
American oak; 31% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.4%

BRIX | 25.0

PH | 3.51

TA | 6.1 g/L

### HARVEST DATES

September 9-17, 2022

VINE AGE | 23 years

### SOILS

Gravelly loam on rolling hills

### YIELDS

3-4 tons per acre

**93** **92**  
POINTS POINTS  
Wine Spectator WINE ENTHUSIAST