

# 2017 ZINFANDEL, DRY CREEK VALLEY RESERVE

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## HISTORY

Since 1996, Dashe Cellars has been making Zinfandel Reserve wine, we've selected two of our favorite vineyards from the Dry Creek Valley with an intensity, a complex and bright acidity. This is a particularly complex, Dry Creek Zinfandel.

## PRODUCTION

The vintage of 2017 was a challenging one, of course a terrible, tragic wildfire in October. The right time, and we were able to pick perfectly had picked virtually all of our grapes before

The wine was fermented using only the natural Dashe Cellars— and the resulting wine shows The wine was aged for 14 months in 20% new French oak barrels to gain the softness of oak. Before the final blend, we tasted all our barrels reserve wine. Finally, in our blending trials, we and long aging potential.

## TASTING NOTES

**COLOR:** Black-purple

**AROMA:** Blackberry, black current, hints of floral component of violets.

**TASTE:** Beautiful texture, intense fruit flavors and licorice, great acidity and balance. One of made, with viscous texture, round sweet fruit finish.



dels from the Dry Creek Valley. To make this special yards from the Dry Creek region and then tasted every yards. We wanted to show off the best characteristics spectrum of flavors, and a balance of pure fruit flavors lovely, and fruit-forward wine— a classic balanced

featuring a heat spike in early September and— Luckily the heat spike ripened the grapes just at ly ripened grapes in a short amount of time. We the wildfires began.

yeast population on the grapes— our tradition at off the terroir of the vineyards beautifully. French oak barrels, and the remainder in older aging without adding excessive oak flavors. to select out only the best Zinfandel lots for this added about 10% of Petite Sirah, for structure

cherry liqueur and chocolate, with an underly-

of blackberry and cassis, hints of chocolate the most sensual Dry Creek Zinfandels we've flavors, and a long and balanced sweet red-fruit

**FOOD PAIRINGS** — Crispy Duck with Fig Sauce, Classic Briskett, Porkroast with Cranberry Stuffing.

## PRODUCTION NOTES

- **VARIETAL**  
90% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah
- **APPELLATION**  
Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
- **VINEYARDS** Louvau, Dry Creek Valley West, Dry Creek Valley
- **TIME IN OAK** 14 months
- **FERMENTATION** Native Yeast
- **OAK** 80% 1-year or older French oak, 20% new French oak
- **ALCOHOL** 14.5%
- **MACERATION** 10 days
- **OPTIMUM TIME TO ENJOY**  
2019-2034
- **PRODUCTION**  
1526 cases, 750ml  
411 cases, 375ml