

PEDRONCELLI



Wisdom

Longevity instills it in each generation. Sensing the right varietal and aspect of the vines is borne of a lifetime tilling the soil. Discerning and experienced hands craft the wine from vine to barrel to bottle and when these elements come together it is called Wisdom.

ESTATE VINEYARD

Located 2 miles west of the winery, we purchased the property in 1965 and is comprised of 5 acres on the west slope of the Dry Creek Valley along West Dry Creek Road. Planted to Cabernet Sauvignon since 1965, a recent replanting replaced 40 year old vines. Positioned well, it receives the sunlight and degree days needed to fully ripen Cabernet Sauvignon. The rocky loamy soil is a perfect place to put down roots. Just the right amount of fog rolls in each evening during the warm summer months to maintain the right combination to cool the vines and preserve the delicate balance between acid and sugar. 50 years of growing Cabernet in this soil and singular microclimate brings unparalleled Wisdom.

THE WINE

2014 was an ideal growing season with mild temperatures and opportune warming trends to ripen grapes to full maturity. The fruit quality was exceptional. Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from this block were harvested the last week of September and a small block of estate Petit Verdot (4%) was included.

After destemming, the grapes are cold soaked for 48 hours, inoculated with the Bordeaux yeast strain and fermented in a small stainless steel tank. Pumping of the fermenting juice over the cap daily produces extraction of color, tannins and flavor. The wine is then pressed, stored and a few months later transferred to small French oak barrels for aging. Nineteen months gave the wine a mellow quality and added complexity. An additional 12 months in the bottle before release brings an especially smooth quality to the wine.

Tasting Notes

A full bodied Cabernet Sauvignon with aromas of blackberry, sage and cedar. The rich flavors of ripe plum and dark berries with a touch of mocha and dried green herbs are woven throughout with creamy oak notes, smooth tannins and bright acidity. With reserve-style complexity and depth, this is a wine to enjoy now or age another 5-8 years.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

COMPOSITION

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

BARREL AGING

19 months in French Oak, 40% New Oak

ALCOHOL 14.49%

pH 3.69

TOTAL ACIDITY .544g/I00mg

Cabernet Sauvignon | wisdom v.2014 sonoma county, dry creek valley