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# 2021 BUSHNELL VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

#### BUSHNELL VINEYARD

Located on the eastern hillsides of Dry Creek Valley, the 22-acre Bushnell Vineyard has been closely related to the Pedroncelli family for over 80 years. Winery founder John Sr. purchased the property in 1943, and we have been sourcing Zinfandel and Petite Sirah for our wines since that time. The vineyard was sold to daughter Margaret and son-in-law Al Pedroni in the 1950s and they tended the vineyard for 40 years. Their daughter Carol Bushnell now farms the vineyard with help from the Pedroncelli crew.

#### HARVEST NOTES & WINEMAKING

The growing season in 2021 was near textbook in conditions and was followed by a warm harvest. Drought conditions sped up maturity, intensity of flavors and color. The grapes were harvested in the second week of September showing a rich concentrated wine with intense varietal flavors and mild acids.

Fermentation took place in a small capacity stainless steel tank which lends better skin-to-juice ratio. The tank was inoculated with Barolo yeast which provides an

extended maceration time. Daily pumpovers of juice over the cap extracted color, flavor and tannin. The young wine was transferred to American oak barrels to age for sixteen months. The time in the barrel added complexity, creating many layers of flavor.

#### TASTING NOTES

Inviting aromas of ripe dark fruit, cinnamon, pepper, and toast. These are complemented by flavors of raspberry, cola, nutmeg and vanilla notes. A spicy and full bodied Zinfandel with a long peppery finish and great balance between the fruit, acidity and rounded tannins.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

#### AGING

16 months in American oak barrels, 40% new oak

ALCOHOL 15%

PH 3.88

TOTAL ACIDITY

.580q / 100 ml





