

# 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 five acre property in 1965 and it is located on the west slope of the Dry Creek Valley along West Dry Creek Road. First planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, a recent replanting replaced the 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

2016 brought an early harvest due to the warm growing season. The Wisdom Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in early September, same as the previous year, which historically is about a month early. This followed the drought years and the resulting characteristics include mild acids, round tannins and high intensity of color and flavors.

After destemming, the grapes are cold soaked for 48 hours, inoculated with the Bordeaux yeast strain and slow fermented in a small stainless steel tank. Pumping the 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. 21 months in French oak gave the wine a mellow quality. Bottling the wine a year before release brings additional softening to this complex wine.

## TASTING NOTES

Dark purple in the glass, this is a rich and full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon with aromas of blackberry, warm baking spices and creamy oak. The ripe flavors of dark berry and black plum are framed with a touch of anise, cedar and dried green herbs. Woven throughout are velvety oak notes, rounded tannins and medium acidity with a long finish and a touch of spice. With reserve-style complexity and depth, this is a wine to enjoy now or age another 10 years.

# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### **APPELLATION**

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

#### BARREL AGING

21 months in French Oak, 35% New Oak

ALCOHOL 14.3%

pH 3.75

TOTAL ACIDITY .630g/I00ml

Cabernet Sauvignon | wisdom v.2016 sonoma county, dry creek valley

