

PEDRONCELLI



MOTHER CLONE VINEYARD SOURCES

Pedroncelli's historic Zinfandel vineyards are located on the hillsides surrounding the winery. They are located on the ranch originally purchased by John Pedroncelli Sr. in 1927 and planted to Zinfandel since 1904. The vines are head-pruned and hand-picked, a second generation vineyard cloned from the original "Mother" vines. The individual blocks were replanted in the early 1980s. The fruit from three generations of vineyards are combined in this bottling. We also source from Bushnell, Giovannoni and Faloni, all longtime Zinfandel vineyards and sources.

WINEMAKING

More than enough rain and a cool and even growing season gave 2019 a significant boost toward a great vintage. Zinfandel fruit was harvested over the last two weeks of September. The cooler temperatures slowed the ripening of the grapes giving them great development and all important hang time. The vintage produced Zinfandel with striking aromatics and flavors over and above previous vintages.

At the crushpad, destemmed grapes are transferred to a fermentation tank to cold soak for 48 hours and then is inoculated with selected yeast. Daily pump-overs and fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks with delestage regimes are done for maximum phenolic extraction. Pressing follows and the new wine is transferred to storage tanks until barreled down. Twelve months of aging in American oak barrels develops additional complexity. The addition of Petite Sirah (14%) adds depth of color and brings structure to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Our Mother Clone is a classic 'Dry Creek' Zinfandel with aromas of ripe red berries with a touch of cinnamon and white pepper. Jammy berry and cherry flavors combine with vanilla, licorice and baking spice. The dynamic berry-spice combination brings together round tannins and a zesty finish which are a hallmark of our style. Enjoy now or cellar for three to five years.

Technical Information

APPELLATION
Dry Creek Valley,
Sonoma County

AGING 12 months in American Oak, 30% new oak

ALCOHOL 15.5%

pH 3.67

TOTAL ACIDITY .578g/100ml

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