

FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1927



# PEDRONCELLI



## COURAGE

The confidence to act in accordance with one's beliefs—for four generations. And it takes courage to be a farmer. Deciding where, how and what to plant in order to bring in the best quality grapes; taking on the challenges Mother Nature sends our way; the labor intensive practices to get the best out of the vine; picking at the perfect moment—all of this requires meticulous attention and courage.

## FALONI VINEYARD

Dave and Dena Faloni are the neighbors behind Courage Zinfandel, a three-generation grape growing family located two miles west of the winery. While most Zinfandel in the valley is head-pruned Dave has trained his vines on a trellis. He knows every quirk of the soil and every vine on their 24 acres having farmed it all of his life.

## THE WINE

From the beginning of growing season all the way through to harvest this was an even-handed, textbook perfect vintage. The cooler temperatures over the summer slowed the ripening with the grapes hanging on the vines longer; giving time to develop exceptional fruit. The results show ripe flavors, bright acidity and wonderful aromatics.

After destemming, the grapes are cold soaked for 2 days in a temperature controlled stainless steel tank. Daily pumping over the cap (grape skins at the top of the tank) extracts deeper color and makes a fuller bodied wine. The young wine is pressed and sent to storage tanks until barreled down for aging in American oak barrels for sixteen months. This mellows the wine with additional time in oak and gives a deeper complexity as well.

## TASTING NOTES

Rich deep purple in the glass followed by aromas of ripe berries and baking spices. Full bodied and plump flavors with lush blueberry, toasted cinnamon, pepper and a touch of licorice. Bright acidity and velvety tannins highlight this Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel with lingering flavors and smooth tannins.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**APELLATION** Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

**COMPOSITION** 100% Zinfandel

**BARREL AGING** 16 months in American Oak, 40% New Oak

**ALCOHOL** 16.2%

**pH** 3.44

**TOTAL ACIDITY** .658g/100ml

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