

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 those 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

The 2018 vintage was one for the books-textbook perfect from the amount of rain at the beginning of the growing season through harvest. Summer was cooler with no prolonged heat and these cooler temperatures slowed the ripening of the grapes giving the all-important hangtime on the vines longer. Cabernet Sauvignon grapes had a slow maturity that rounded the tannins and elevated flavors and aromas.

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. 24 months in French oak gave the wine a mellow quality and bottling the wine a year before release brings additional softening to this complex Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTES

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

COMPOSITION

85% Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Malbec

BARREL AGING

24 months in French Oak, 40% New Oak

ALCOHOL 15.0%

pH 3.46

TOTAL ACIDITY .630g/I00ml

Cabernet Sauvignon | wisdom v.2018 sonoma county, dry creek valley

