

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 his life.

THE WINE

With plenty of rain leading into the 2019 growing season the cooler year slowed maturity. The season progressed with a warm summer and perfect weather conditions during harvest season was highlighted by warm days and cool nights which developed more aromatics and deeper flavors in this Zinfandel.

After destemming, the grapes are cold soaked for 2 days and then inoculated with a yeast from the Priorat region—in order to bring out the best characteristics from fermentation. Daily pumping over the cap (grape skins at the top of the tank) extracts deeper color and flavor. The young wine is pressed and sent to storage tanks until barreled down for aging in American oak barrels for eighteen 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 with aromas of ripe berries, clove and baking spices. Full bodied and plump flavors with lush blueberry, toasted cinnamon, and a touch of licorice. Bright acidity, oak notes and velvety tannins highlight the Courage Zinfandel and leads to a toasty peppery finish.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

APELLATION Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

COMPOSITION 100% Zinfandel

BARREL AGING 18 months in American Oak, 40% New Oak

ALCOHOL 15.9%

pH 3.50

TOTAL ACIDITY .645g/100ml

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