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 FAMILY VINEYARDS

2021
CORTINA ZINFANDEL
 DRY CREEK VALLEY
 SONOMA COUNTY

Cortina Zinfandel represents our peak expression of Zinfandel from Dry Creek Valley. Named for the gravelly loam soils where this variety thrives, the heart of Cortina comes from Chen's Vineyard, planted by the Seghesio Family in 1972. Shrouded by morning fog and cooled by afternoon breezes, the grapes benefit from longer hang time, resulting in an elegant Zinfandel with lifted aromatics, bright layered fruit and refined structure.



VINTAGE

The 2021 Harvest arrived with a soft landing despite the limited water supply and eventual bans on irrigation throughout Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys. We experienced very few extremely hot days and were happily able to allow grapes to ripen at a moderate pace without significant dehydration or loss of acidity. Yields in some varieties were reduced due to low moisture earlier in the season, specifically during budbreak and bloom. However, those reduced yields have led to intensely flavored grapes and the subsequent wines made from them ooze varietal character and vibrant mouthfeel. The grapes were hand harvested at night September 7th – September 22nd, 2021.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

All grapes were hand-picked and sorted at the winery, gently destemmed, and transferred to small open-top fermentors without being pumped. The fermentations were macerated by pneumatic punch downs throughout the fermentation on skins which lasted from 7 to 10 days. Free run juice was drained and settled briefly before being transferred to barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The wines were aged for 14 months in 13% new French Oak and 87% neutral French and American.

SIP & SAVOR

Aromas of briary black raspberry, lavender and graham cracker crust give way to bright acidity on the palate. Cortina Zinfandel opens with a vibrant entry of blue, black, and red fruit characters and a subtle hint of cocoa powder that carries through to the wine's mid-palate and finishes with a touch of spice for an elegant velvety mouthfeel. The richness of the wine and the combination of berry and spice notes would meld perfectly with the lamb's rich and earthy flavor.

ANALYSIS

VARIETAL	ALCOHOL	TA	PH
100% Zinfandel	15%	5.6 grams/liter	3.75

KEY FACTS

- The heart of this wine comes from the Chen's Vineyard, planted in 1972, making the vines nearly 50 years old
- Vineyards are planted to a combination of gravelly soils called Cortina, from which the wine gets its name
- 2019v received 93 points from Wine Spectator