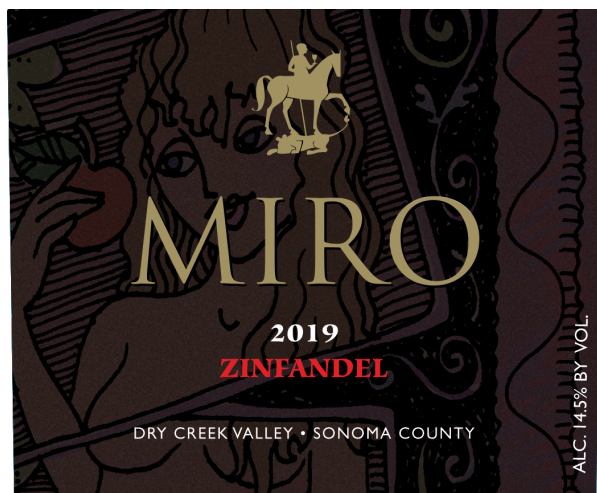




2019 DRY CREEK VALLEY ZINFANDEL



HARVEST: October 4, 2019

BRIX: 25°

TA: 0.62g/100ml

RS: 0.2%

pH: 3.66

BOTTLED: December 15, 2020

PRODUCTION: 560 cases

BLEND: 100% Zinfandel

Miro searches the region for the finest grapes from a variety of vineyards to make his one-of-a-kind specialty wines. Award winning winemaker Miro Tcholakov considers the particular geology and seasonal climate variations of each vineyard when selecting the most interesting grapes the region has to offer. Because Miro has complete freedom to make precisely the wines he loves best, the results are a spectacular leap above the expected.

Vineyard: The grapes are from Wolcott-Bevill and Göprich Vineyards, situated on the northeast end of Dry Creek Valley on benchland. Decomposed rock and brick-red Manzanita-type soils are usually very well-suited for intense Zinfandels, such as this, with deep red color and solid, age-worthy structure.

The Vintage: The 2019 season had an interesting mix of conditions, to say the least! We had a lot of rain in March and in May, fires in October with evacuations and power outages—other than that, the quality was spectacular! In 2019, the smoke did not affect the Zinfandel vineyards, therefore no smoke taint. Otherwise, the growing season was relatively mild and long without any heat waves or other surprises. The crop yields were lower than in 2018 and the fruit quality is high.

Winemaking: The fruit was handled in the gentlest way possible. The grapes were hand-sorted and fermented in small open-top fermenters with minimum hand punch-downs per day. As usual, the goal is to maximize the beautiful Zin aromas and minimize tannic harshness. The wine completed malolactic fermentation in barrels. The wine aged in 25% new European oak barrels for about 14 months.

Winemaker's Description: This wine is bright and lively with concentrated aromas of predominantly dark cherry, blueberry, and plums, with a touch of the Zin-typical raisin-esque aromas. The fine oak barrel aging brings in subtle aromas of vanilla, brown sugar, cinnamon, and slight toasty-oaky smokiness. Medium-bodied, with very soft, elegant tannins that accentuate the wine's long and juicy finish.