



# 2021 WOLCOTT-BEVILL VINEYARD ZINFANDEL



**Winemaker's Description:** This is a viscous and juicy wine that does not require a lot of aging to please you. Obviously ripe, but without going overboard, the wine is loaded with the “essence” of Zinfandel—wild berries, dark cherries and strawberries typical for Dry Creek Zins. The oak contributes aromas of spice, toast and slight vanilla-chocolate with a bit of a brown sugar. On the palate the wine is full, soft and finishes fresh and juicy. At the time of these notes the wine is very young and tightly focused with good structure but with aging it will become more generous and rewarding.

**The Vineyard:** Wolcott-Bevill is just off Dry Creek road on a hill with south eastern exposure. The vines are about 30 years old and trellised. The soils are typical for Dry Creek Valley Cortina type-yellow/ red with fine structure and relatively less fertile and shallow.

**The Vintage:** The 2021 harvest year was near perfect for growing grapes and a second year of a lighter-than-normal crop. The berry size was smaller than average, delivering exceptional flavors, intense color, and beautiful grapes—fruit-forward and ripe. The season started early and cold, and it was free of long, lingering heatwaves, leading to relatively early to normal harvest dates with most grapes ripening simultaneously.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were harvested early morning still cold from the night and destemmed only with no crushing and fermented in 1/2t open top bins with punch downs. The fermentation was very slow due to relatively low temperature but eventually it finished dry. The wine was aged in 25% new French oak barrels for about 17 months

Before bottling 10 % Petite Sirah from the same vineyard was blended in as well.

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**APPELLATION:** Dry Creek Valley  
**HARVEST DATE:** September 15, 2021  
**BRIX:** 26.0° average  
**BLEND:** 90% Zinfandel; 10% Petite Sirah

**BARREL AGING:** 17 months  
**BOTTLED:** March 10th, 2023  
**PRODUCTION:** 273 12x750 ml/cases  
**ALCOHOL:** 15.1%; **TA:** 6.1g/L; **pH:** 3.75