



2017 Denier Handal, Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel

Winemaker: Dick Handal, Lucas Meeker and David Noyes, Consulting winemaker.

- § Harvest dates: Sept. 29, 2017
- § Single Vineyard Cuvee: The Spencer Family Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
- § In the Cellar: Fermentation in open top tanks with manual punch down 2 - 4 times a day
- § Length of fermentations: 10 to 13 days.
- § Oak Regimen: Aged in 2-year-old French oak barrels for 10 1/2 months.
- § Bottled Date: September 6, 2019 Unfined with a light filtration. 100 cases
- § Alcohol: 15.5%
- § pH: 3.78
- § Residual Sugar: Less than 0.1%
- § Varietals: 100% Zinfandel
- § Dry Creek Valley Terroir: Warm Region III; Soils of rocky, medium clay; grown on the slopes of Eastern bench of the Dry Creek Valley.

Harvest Notes: The 2017 growing season was relatively favorable. We had a cool, wet winter and spring, a relatively normally hot summer, and a wonderfully warm indian summer for our harvest. We hand harvest our Dry Creek Valley fruit at night during September. The sugar and acid levels were in balance at nearly perfect levels at harvest time due to the warmth of the Indian Summer. The fruit arrived at the crush pad shortly after harvest while the grapes were still cool.

Tasting Notes: This medium bodied, well balanced wine exhibits the best varietal qualities of Dry Creek Zinfandel. The balance between the fruit flavors, tannin and acid makes this vintage truly enjoyable. The first thing you notice is its color and clarity looking very much like a jewel in your glass. The aromas are pure fruit with hints of spices and wood. Raspberries, black currants, blackberries, and black pepper are the initial flavors with some of us also tasting nuances of black cherry, figs, cedar and other spices. The finish is long and enjoyable. This is truly a Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel. We are proud of this well balanced vintage.

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