

2018 ZINFANDEL Funsten Vineyard Dry Creek Valley



Technical Data

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Composition:	100% Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Funsten Vineyard, Block 4
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Date:	September 13
Alcohol:	14.9%
pH:	3.7
TA:	0.60g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	22 months
Cooperage:	33% new Hungarian oak barrels 67% 4-year-old French oak barrels
Bottling Date:	August 7, 2020 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type:	Screwcap - Ramondin - saranex liner
Production:	75 cases 750ml
Release Date:	March 2022

Jamie Peterson's Vintaged View & Vineyard Notes

This Zinfandel vineyard, on the eastern bench above the valley floor, is adjacent to our former old red barn winery off Lytton Springs Road. It was planted by my father in 1999 when he was consulting for Ridge Vineyards. I actually helped lay out stakes for a few of the blocks in the vineyard during my summer break from school. I can remember toiling in the hot, dusty soil of the Dry Creek Bench, wondering what the vineyard would become. It's exciting to get to work with the fruit and wine from this vineyard decades later. Normally a main component in our Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel blend, the 2018 Funsten Zin tasted so spectacular on its own, we opted to set aside and bottle three barrels of this 100% single vineyard wine to share with our wine club members, and other true Zin lovers.

Tasting Notes

Deep aromas of plum and blackberry mingle with traces of loamy earth and rich brown spices. The palate's dark tones reveal ripe strawberry and black cherry infused with black raspberry preserves. Spicy vanillin oak, along with hints of orange zest, red licorice, mocha and green peppercorn, weave into the rich yet balanced flavors that linger on.

An easy wine to pair, this Zin will be perfect with coq au vin, shepherd's pie or bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin drizzled with a cherry balsamic reduction.