

# SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2021

ZINFANDEL

**DRY CREEK VALLEY**

MARK BEAMAN, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

**APPELLATION**

Dry Creek Valley

**COMPOSITION**

100% Zinfandel

**COOPERAGE**

11 months in French Oak, 20% new

**ALCOHOL**

15%

**TA**

6.3 g/L

**pH**

3.72

**BOTTLING DATE**

December 12, 2022

## VINEYARDS

The Dry Creek Valley is home to some of California's most definitive Zinfandel. The gently sloping hills, terra rossa soil, and mild climate make it the perfect locale for this varietal. Our 2021 Zinfandel was sourced from the Comstock Vineyard in the heart of Dry Creek Valley.

## VINTAGE

The season started off with very little rain, leading to the second year of drought conditions in Sonoma and throughout California. Harvest was compact with many varietals ripening at the same time. The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely flavored, small-sized berries resulting in flavor-packed wines.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed and destemmed to a stainless steel tank for a two-day cold soak, then fermented to dryness at relatively warm temperatures. After pressing the wine off the skins, it was racked to a mixture of barrels and stainless steel tanks for malolactic fermentation. The wine aged for 11 months in 20% new French oak barrels.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2021 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel is a bold and hearty wine. Aromas of dried rose petals, crushed raspberries and briary fruit are present among opening. The palate is medium-bodied with juicy flavors of fresh raspberries and strawberry marmalade and notes of sweet spices. A hint of toasty oak lingers on the finish.

- Mark Beaman, *Winemaker*