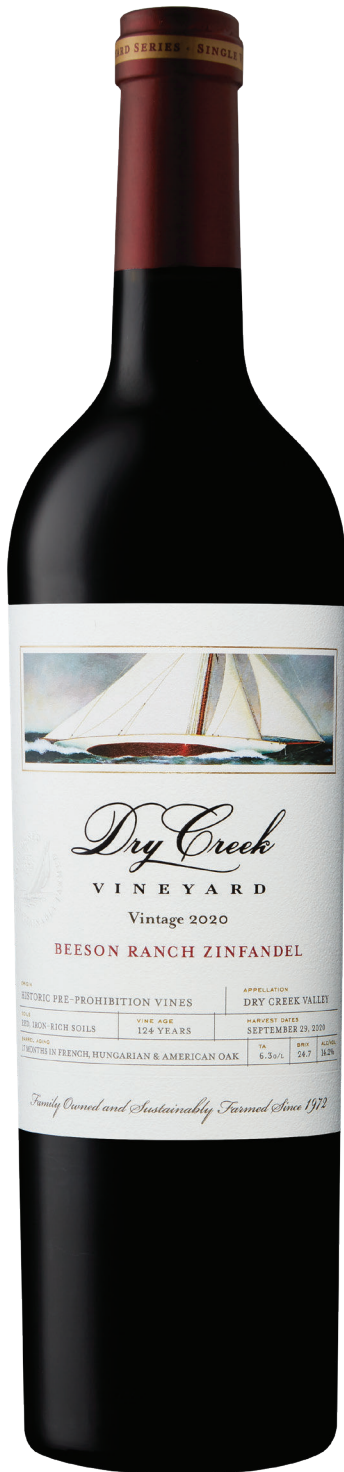




2020 BEESON RANCH ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

Planted in the late 1800s, Beeson Ranch is one of Dry Creek Valley's oldest and most prized vineyards. Located along West Dry Creek Road, Beeson Ranch faces east and extends up several gentle hillsides to a forest of conifer trees. The old gnarled vines, first planted by Italian immigrants, provide us with some of our most intriguing Zinfandel grapes. This incredible vineyard is truly a labor of love and stands as a testament to the character and history that make Dry Creek Valley a special place to grow grapes.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Nature dealt some unexpected cards with the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. Ever focused on quality, our winemaking team implemented an intensive plan for evaluating grapes prior to harvesting. After detailed analysis of each block within each vineyard, we were proud to produce beautifully structured, complex and delicious wines from the challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The initial aromatics of the wine are refined and elegant with underlying elements of blackberry and cranberry. After several minutes of airing, cardamom, coriander and marzipan waft from the glass. The full palate is supple and rich with notes of boysenberry and black cherry, framed by nuances of mocha, cedar, bay leaf and white and black pepper. The wine's earthy complexity and youthful tannins support its balanced quality and spicy finish.

BLEND

95% Zinfandel
5% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

10–12 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

17 months in French, Hungarian &
American oak; 33% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.2%

BRIX | 24.7

PH | 3.69

TA | 6.3 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 29, 2020

VINE AGE | 124 years

SOILS

Red, iron-rich

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre