

UNTI

DRY CREEK VALLEY

ZINFANDEL

2021

75% ZINFANDEL • 20% PETITE SIRAH
5% BARBERA

GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

ALCOHOL 14.6% BY VOLUME

HARVESTED:

SEPT. 15-20, 2021

BRIX AVG:

25.2

BLEND:

75% ZINFANDEL
20% PETITE SIRAH
5% BARBERA

ACIDITY:

6.0 g/L

pH:

3.71

ALCOHOL:

14.6%

AGING:

12 MONTHS
FRENCH OAK
35% NEW

BOTTLED:

1/30/23

CASES: 500

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VARIETAL & VINEYARD: This Zinfandel comes from our Primitivo-clone vineyard planted in 1998. We favor the Primitivo because it produces berries and clusters that are smaller and thicker-skinned compared to typical California Zin selections. This leads to a richer wine with more tannin that is a characteristic of old-vine Zin. Our Petite Sarah comes from a 1-acre block of vines located on our property that we designate as the "Benchland" plot due to its elevated site that frames the eastern slope of Dry Creek Valley, creating an ideal terroir for grape-growing. Our original Barbera vineyard is clone CVT 171 from Piemonte, planted on a low-vigor rootstock called 420-A.

VINTAGE/HARVEST: 2021 was one of our best vintages ever, across all of our varieties. The cool, dry winter and spring this vintage likely resulted in a naturally low crop set, which concentrates the fruit. This was followed by a moderate summer and fall, allowing for slow and even ripening. Harvested September 15-20.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were de-stemmed and gently pumped into stainless steel tanks using a peristaltic pump. Fermentation started naturally without inoculation after a five-day cold soak. We pump the must over twice a day. Upon dryness, the pomace is basket-pressed, blended with free-run wine, and transferred to French oak barrels (35% new). Petite Sirah is the key to making balanced Zin in Dry Creek, as it provides color, stability, tannin structure, and texture. We blend in Barbera for acidity, freshness and balance.

STYLE/DESCRIPTION: Our Zinfandel vineyard, a primitivo-clone, is now over 25 years-old. As such, the vines produce more consistent fruit regardless of the vintage. The perfect conditions in 2021 led to a very dark and intensely fruity wine, which is my kind of Dry Creek Zinfandel. This full-bodied wine is also juicy and perfectly balanced, thanks to our use of Petite Sirah and Barbera in the blend. If you have been a fan of Unti Zin, you won't want to miss this vintage. -
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