

2018 Zinfandel Vineyard Select



History

Dashe Cellars Zinfandel Vineyard Select is a blend of a few of our favorite small-production vineyards in the Dry Creek Valley (Sonoma County), Contra Costa county, and Clarksburg CA. This is a remarkably lush, drinkable Zinfandel that we've blended with a few "spice rack" varieties to add depth, spice and texture to the wine.

We've intentionally created this wine as a bistro wine, made to pair beautifully with a wide range of foods and flavors. Made primarily of Zinfandel, we also blended the wine with the varieties Teroldego and Petite Sirah, to create a juicy, rich, mouth-filling wine that shows round texture and a long, spicy finish.

Production

We fermented each varietal of the wine separately, using the native yeasts resident on the grape skins. The wine was aged for a total of 14 months in French oak barrels, 100% of which were 1-year or older oak, since we prefer the flavor of the fruit to not be overpowered.

As we blended the wine, we realized that Petite Sirah and Teroldego brought bright fruit and complexity to the base blend of Zinfandel. The resulting wine absolutely bowled us over with its rich texture and depth of flavor. It's a perfect wine to complement a wide range of foods—from lighter fare, to pastas, to grilled meats and rich stews.

Production Notes:

Varietals

89% Zinfandel
6% Petite Sirah
5% Teroldego

Alcohol

14.5% by vol.

Time in oak

14 months

Oak

100% 1-year or older
French barrels

Production

3100 cases, 750ml.

Optimum time for consumption

2020-2031

Tasting Notes :

Color: Reddish-purple

Aroma: Very aromatic pomegranate, black cherry, and raspberry, mixed with hints of cassis, chocolate, and slight peppery spice.

Taste: Lush, lively texture with lovely black cherry and pomegranate fruit, bright acidity to balance the sweet fruit flavors, black pepper and clove spice, and a long, lively finish of black cherry, pomegranate, and hints of licorice and cocoa powder.