2013 Zinfandel Bedrock Vineyard

History
This is our second single vineyard offering from this spectacular vineyard in the heart of Sonoma Valley. One of the oldest vineyards in the state, the Bedrock Vineyard was originally owned by Generals Sherman and Hooker of Civil War fame. These particular vines were planted in 1888, making them some of the oldest vines in the state.

We were approached by Morgan Peterson, who owns the vineyard together with his father Joel Peterson, to make zinfandel from these vines. We decided that we liked the fruit so much, that we would make a special wine available only to the Dashe Cellars Wine Club members. Since the grapes were allocated, we only made 79 cases of this exquisite wine.

Production
The warm and dry ripening conditions of 2013, delivered perfectly mature zinfandel grapes from old vines producing about two tons per acre. We harvested into ½ ton picking bins, hand-sorted the fruit on conveyors, and fermented the grapes using the native yeasts on the grapes. At dryness, the wine was gently pressed in a membrane press and pumped to traditional 60-gallon oak barrels.

The wine was aged for 10 months in one-year or older French oak barrels, to keep the vibrancy of the fruit. As the wine aged, it deepened in color and developed a complexity and firm structure that we believe will help the wine improve with up to ten years of bottle age.

Production Notes:
Varietals
98% Zinfandel; 2% Petite Sirah

Appellation
Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol
14.1 % by vol.

Time in oak
10 months

Oak
100% 1-year or older French oak

Production
79 cases, 750ml

Release date
April 15, 2015

Optimum time for consumption
2015-2024

Tasting Notes:

Color: Dark ruby red

Aroma: Ripe black cherry, black raspberry, chocolate, vanilla, almonds, black pepper and licorice.

Taste: Black cherry, peppery spice, and chocolate on entry. Refreshing acidity, great velvety texture and mouthfeel, showing a complexity and balance even in its youth. Long, minty, spicy, fruit-driven finish. The depth of flavors, acidity and round tannins will make this quite a long-aging wine.