



SONOMA COUNTY, CA

FOREVER ENDURING

BEAR FLAG

ZINFANDEL

Inspired by the brave souls of the Bear Flag Revolt, we celebrate the kindred spirits who stand their ground, have the good taste to dream big and never waste a drop. Bear Flag Wine embodies the intrepid, rebellious and independent spirit of California, where anything is possible. We raise our glass to anyone with a brave, enduring spirit who dares to pave their own path.

TASTING NOTES

Structured and full-bodied with a subtle hint of spice. On the palate, dense, dark fruit characteristics are reminiscent of blueberry pie. Notes of toasted oak and vanilla meld with a plush, lingering mouthfeel.

PREMIER SONOMA COUNTY SOURCING

The majority of our grapes were sourced from the Dry Creek Valley, one of the most renowned Zinfandel growing areas. Dry Creek's daytime heat and cool, calm nights enable Zinfandel to develop bold fruit characteristics, hints of spice, and complexity unique to the area. Zinfandel and Sirah picked from the iconic Monte Rosso vineyard was added to the final blend added dark fruit notes, balanced structure and supple tannins.

Vineyard Origin: Stefani Ranch 43%, Monte Rosso 23%, 34% Other Select Vineyards

THE HARVEST

The 2016 vintage season was early, producing typical yields of exceptional quality fruit. It began with ample winter rain, warm spring temperatures, and an early summer. Throughout the growing season, cool nights balanced warm days, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly and produce small berries in excellent condition. The resulting wines show beautiful structure, fresh fragrance and complex characteristics.

WINEMAKING NOTES

We cool-fermented the grapes for 5 to 7 days, targeting 85 degrees, to slow down the process and allow more time on the skins resulting in jammy fruit notes and a firm structure without too much tannin.

ABOUT THE WINE

Varietal Content: 89% Zinfandel, 7% Petite Sirah, 4% Teroldego, 5% Malbec, 2% Other Select Varieties

Alcohol Level: 14.8%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.60 g/100ml | **Residual Sugar:** 0.35 g/100ml | **pH:** 3.55



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