



2015 “Il Campo” Estate Red Wine Field Blend



APPELLATION
Dry Creek Valley
Sonoma County

BLEND
80% Zinfandel
18% Petite Sirah
2% Mixed Blacks

ALCOHOL: 14.9%
TA: 7.0 g/L
pH: 3.59
RS: 2.2 g/L (Dry)
CASES: 536

GROW

Il Campo is grown, fermented, and barrel-aged at our estate on Westside Road on the southern tip of the Dry Creek Valley. Six acres were planted in the late 1990's on eastern-facing sloping hills. This vineyard orientation ensures that the vineyard would only see direct sunlight during the often foggy mornings. “Il Campo” is Italian for “the fields,” to mark and continue the rich traditions of the early Italian immigrants to the Dry Creek Valley, where some original plantings of field blends are still being used today. We followed suit and planted 5 acres of Zinfandel, one acre of Petite Sirah, and small amounts of Carignan and Alicante Bouschet. Today, using low-watering techniques and sustainable farming practices, Il Campo is poised to create its own history!

MAKE

Gently hand harvested the grapes were sorted out in the field during picking and once again on our crush pad sorting table. The grapes were destemmed and crushed into one tank, and then cold soaked for five days before the onset of fermentation. Twice daily for the next 15 days the fermenting must was stirred to extract color, flavors, tannins and texture from the skins. Now dry, only the free-run wine was drained to a separate tank before being transferred into our proprietary mix of American and Hungarian Oak barrels to age for 16 months.

TASTE

Nostalgic scents of blackberry pie and cherry soda rise out of the glass at the initial pouring. Layers of mocha, licorice and cedar aromas release as the wine is swirled. Bright cranberry and pomegranate tease the pallet on the entry, followed by juicy blackberry, boysenberry and black cherry flavors. This surprisingly complex Zin has a slightly sandy texture as if someone sprinkled a little cocoa powder in your mouth. The finish is powerful and concentrated, balanced by the acidity and fruitfulness of the wine. The structure will allow this wine to continue to evolve in the bottle for the next 15 years.

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- A one-of-a-kind, traditional, Dry Creek Valley field blend
- Grown in the southern, cooler portions of the Dry Creek Valley - an elegant, bright, complex Zinfandel and a marked departure from most Dry Creek Zinfandels.



“I see these vines everyday as I drive up the winery driveway. The vineyard was planted to pay tribute to the history and heritage of Dry Creek Valley. Using sustainable techniques that were introduced to this area over 150 years ago, we are working diligently to create a legacy vineyard. Every grape from the property goes into one tank and makes only one wine. The wine becomes a historical time-line of our estate, with any vintage variations due solely to the uniqueness of each growing season.”

WINEMAKER Brandon Lapidés