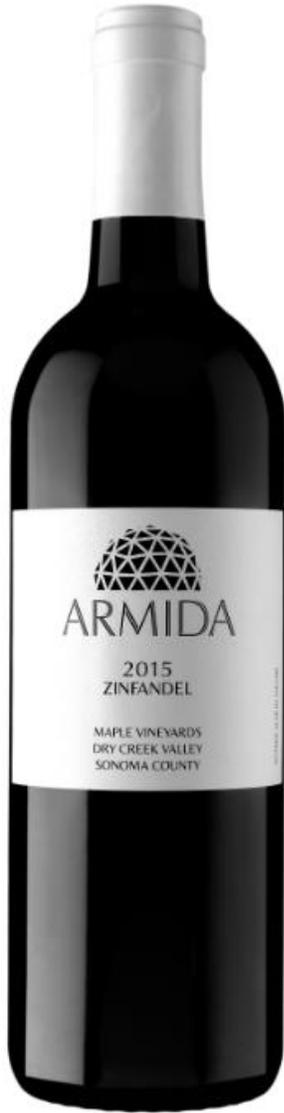




2015 Maple Vineyards Zinfandel



APPELLATION
Dry Creek Valley
Sonoma County

BLEND
92% Zinfandel
8% Petite Sirah

ALCOHOL: 14.2%
TA: 7.6 g/L
pH: 3.37
RS: 0.2 g/L (Dry)
CASES: 1,516

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GROW

Maple Vineyards contains 27 acres of exceptional head-trained zinfandel, on the high bench land in the heart of Dry Creek Valley. The oldest block was planted in 1910, linking our current wines to the rich history and traditions of the early immigrants of Dry Creek Valley. David Rafanelli continues these traditional, labor intensive farming techniques today, personally managing the farming as did Tom and Tina Maple before him. The sandy-loam riverbed soil has incredible drainage, allowing all nutrients and rains to reach down to the deep roots. The old-vines aren't irrigated, causing a high level of stress on the vines before harvest, creating small grapes with big flavors, and continues the decades long practice of sustainability for Maple Vineyard.

MAKE

Gently hand harvested early in the morning before being carefully sorted, the grapes were destemmed and carefully transferred to small fermenters. The must was then cold soaked at cold temperatures for five days before the onset of fermentation. Twice daily for the next 15 days the wine was stirred with the skins to extract color, flavors, tannins and texture from the grapes. Once fermentation was complete, only the free-run wine was drained to a separate tank before being transferred into our proprietary mix of French, American and Hungarian Oak barrels to age for 16 months.

TASTE

The inky-indigo color suggests the depth of flavors to follow. Wild blackberry, dried cranberry and brown sugar aromas tickle your nose. Hints of cedar and cinnamon tease and meld effortlessly with the vibrant fruit flavors. The wine begins with a lush soft entry bringing fresh tart cherries and raspberry jam into focus, then follows with boisterous red current. The seductive finish isn't cloying and sweet, but rather refined, lush and succulent, and the integrated tannins and great balance of savory and spice will continue to gain in complexity over the next fifteen years.

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- The "text book" definition of Dry Creek Zinfandel
- Vineyard terrior of "peppery-spicy," structure, and juicy, ripe fruit
- Dry farmed old vines – deep and concentrated, full bodied and fleshy
- Minimum age of vines is 85 years old



"Most winemakers never get to work with spectacular fruit from an heirloom vineyard. When I'm making wine from this old vineyard I think about the shoulders I stand upon, the men and women who started making Zinfandel in Dry Creek Valley in the 1850's, and how amazingly lucky I am to work with this incredible fruit and continue the legacy of epic Dry Creek Zinfandel."

WINEMAKER Brandon Lapidis