



2018 “Il Campo” Estate Red Wine Field Blend

GROW

“Il Campo” is grown, fermented, barrel-aged and sold 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,” and the intent was to 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, 1 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 well into the next century.

MAKE

Gently hand harvested and delivered to our crushpad by a tractor. The grapes are sorted out in the field while picking and once again on our winemaking sorting table. The grapes were destemmed and carefully transferred into one tank. 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 aged 16 months in our “winemaker signature” barrels, which are a unique combination of American, Hungarian and French Oak.

TASTE

Nostalgic aromas of blackberry pie and cherry soda lift out of the glass on the initial pouring. Layers of mocha, licorice and cedar release as the wine is swirled. Bright cranberry and pomegranate awakens the pallet on the entry. The slightly sandy texture tastes as if someone sprinkled cocoa powder in your mouth. The finish is powerful and concentrated, but 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 unique, traditional, Dry Creek Valley field blend
- Brighter acidity is the hallmark of Zinfandels grown in the southern portions of the Dry Creek Valley
- Estate grapes travel only 500 yards before being processed

APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley
Sonoma County

BLEND

80% Zinfandel
18% Petite Sirah
2% Mixed Blacks

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

TA: 8.0 g/L

pH: 3.34

RS: 1.0 g/L (Dry)

CASES: 327



“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 diligently working to create a legacy vineyard for many years to come. Every grape from the property goes into one tank and makes only one wine. The wine becomes a history book of our estate, with the main changes due to vintage variations.”

WINEMAKER Brandon Lapidés