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 FAMILY VINEYARDS

2022

CORTINA ZINFANDEL

DRY CREEK VALLEY
 SONOMA COUNTY



Cortina Zinfandel represents our peak expression of Zinfandel from Dry Creek Valley. Named for the gravelly loam soils where this variety thrives, the heart of Cortina comes from Chen's Vineyard, planted by the Seghesio Family in 1972. Shrouded by morning fog and cooled by afternoon breezes, the grapes benefit from longer hang time, resulting in an elegant Zinfandel with lifted aromatics, bright layered fruit and refined structure.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season began with significantly below average winter rainfall totals which led directly into a prolonged frost season lasting late into April. Seghesio vineyards escaped mostly unscathed and launched into a slight cooling trend for May and June. This put the growing schedule closer to average, helping to push back our veraison timing and projected harvest dates. July and August warmed up significantly and some vineyards sustained some sunburn due to exposure. This was just a preamble! Harvest commenced in late August and Labor Day Week witnessed record shattering high temperatures in excess of 118° F in Northern Alexander Valley while still reaching 115° in Santa Rosa High Plains. These scorching temperatures pushed ripening and increased stress on vineyards leading to one of the fastest harvests on record for Seghesio Family Vineyards. The grapes were harvested between September 2nd and September 17th, 2022.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

All grapes were hand-picked and sorted at the winery, gently destemmed, and transferred to small open-top fermentors without being pumped. The fermentations were macerated by pneumatic punch downs throughout the fermentation on skins which lasted from 7 to 10 days. Free run juice was drained and settled briefly before being transferred to barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The wines were aged for 15 months in 14% new French Oak and 86% neutral French and American.

SIP & SAVOR

Aromas of briary black raspberry, lavender and graham cracker crust give way to supple velvety tannins on the palate. Cortina Zinfandel opens with a vibrant red fruit characters and a subtle hint of cocoa powder that carries through to a lengthy, elegance in the mid-palate and finishes with richness and a touch of spice. Our Dry Creek Zinfandel is extremely versatile and pairs excellently with lamb, creamy pastas, and veggie dishes.

ANALYSIS

VARIETAL	ALCOHOL	TA	PH
100% Zinfandel	15%	5.2 grams/liter	3.82

KEY FACTS

- The heart of this wine comes from the Chen's Vineyard, planted in 1972, making the vines nearly 50 years old
- Vineyards are planted to a combination of gravelly soils called Cortina, from which the wine gets its name
- 2021v received 94 points from Wine Spectator - 13, 90+ point scores in the last 13 years