

# VINEYARD ZIN CLUB

September 2020



Fall Allocation

2 bottles each

#### 2018 BUZZ ZINFANDEL | Retail: \$42



Grower Series, Dry Creek Valley

Buzz is stunning in the glass, offering crimson hues with glints of violet. Upon smelling the wine, there are hints of toast, dark raspberry, and subtle cherry pie. Once tasted, the fruit is bright and complimented by moderate notes of pepper and spice. Lovely from the first sip to the last, this wine shows low tannins and acidity making it a perfect evening sipper.

Composition Oak Aging Cellar Production 100% Zinfandel 18 months on 24% new French Oak 0 to 3 years 14 barrels

#### 2018 MOLLY'S ZINFANDEL | Retail: \$44

Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley



A deep pigmented purple in the glass, the Molly's Zinfandel pulls you in with the eyes! Not to be outdone, this wine is chock full of luscious berry aromas. Blackberry, currant, and sweet raspberry are followed by a hints of wet stone and flint on the nose. Upon tasting, this wine continues to display fresh fruit followed by white pepper, baking spices, and a smidge of vanilla. Mellow tannins and nice acidity create a lasting and pleasant mouthfeel for this Zinfandel.

94% Zinfandel & 6% Petite Sirah 18 months on 20% new French Oak 0 to 3 years 18 barrels

#### 2018 SNAKEPATCH RSV ZINFANDEL | Retail: \$60

Grower Series, Dry Creek Valley

This stunning Zinfandel is wildly aromatic, with strong scents of blackberry, honey, black tea, and vanilla. A surprise of velvet upon tasting, there are luscious berries and caramel on the front of the palate followed by nuts, sage, and violet on the finish. Edgy with nice acidity, this wine opens up beautifully if given the chance!

Composition Oak Aging Cellar Production 84% Zinfandel & 16% Petite Sirah 22 months on 30% new French Oak 0 to 4 years 6 barrels

# 2018 ELLIE'S OLD VINE ZINFANDEL | Retail: \$40

Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley

Deep garnet in hue, this Zin brings the best of both worlds with fruit and spice. Baking spices come forward upon first whiff, with a light tobacco and blackberry to follow. The palate is focused on fruit with notes of boysenberry, currant, and touch of tart raspberry. Offering a warm and silky mouthfeel, silky tannins and minimal acidity lend to easy drinking with this beautiful Old Vine Zin!

Composition Oak Aging Cellar Production 91% Zinfandel & 9% Petite Sirah 18 months on 23% new French Oak 0 to 2 years 22 barrels

## 2018 BOTTICELLI RSV ZINFANDEL | Retail: \$60

Rockpile Collection, Rockpile

Showing off a rich purple hue with brick undertones, this wine smells like oak, berries, and caramel! Add that to ginger cookies and the smell is simply divine. On the palate, it shows medium tannins and a mellow mouthfeel making it worthy of easy-drinking. Light notes of raspberry and tobacco come to the forefront, with raisins, vanilla, and herbs settling in at the finish.

Composition Oak Aging Cellar Production 95% Zinfandel & 5% Petite Sirah 18 months on 26% new French Oak 0 to 5 years 9 barrels

#### **2018 TORI RSV ZINFANDEL** | Retail: \$60 Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley

Somewhere between the color of red current and dark eggplant, this wine shows lovely legs when swirled in the glass. The nose opens to notes of flint, followed by more traditional fresh berries and floral undertones. On the palate, a rich and complex mixture of berries – blackberry, huckleberry and boysenberry – are followed by oak and spice. A smooth texture, good tannic structure, and bright acidity make this one a keeper!

Composition Oak Aging Cellar Production 96% Zinfandel & 4% Petite Sirah 22 months on 38% new French Oak 0 to 4 years 8 barrels

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It's the start of August, and I I've been slowly working my way through bottling, as the supply chain has been slow. Supplies from Europe have been delayed, such as capsules, corks, and glass. The trouble is that once you get behind by three or four weeks, it just keeps backing up! I'd say it was mainly the fault of the corks and capsules. So, we are finishing up a month late.



#### Our last bottling of Reserve

Zinfandels are finally completed and I can now focus on closely watching the grapes. This year we've been having a pretty nice growing season. That late rain in May, combined with the fairly cool July has been good. The days have mostly not been too hot with the nights cold. (At home I just open the windows at night, and we are all comfortable.) As long as we don't get any early fall rains, or fires, those being the main culprit lately, I'll be looking for some longer hang time this season, which improves the flavors. As for harvest around the corner, so far, we've had a very few issues. Harvest looks to be a fairly normal size, and seems not to be super early, so that means right on track. I imagine we'll be starting in September with the Sauvignon Blanc, right around at Labor Day.

We've been cautious at the wineries, implementing social distancing, everyone wears masks, and we offer lots of hand sanitizer. We are faring okay. It is a different model, but the new by appointment system is working, and it's good having people come in well-spaced out.

We didn't go to Canada this year, so we have been spending much more family time together, doing meals together, etc. Phoebe likes the diversion! We are not going out to eat and are certainly thinking twice about any type of big groups. Basically, we have a small bubble and are doing lots of eating outside.

My vegetable garden is doing great this year, probably because I'm here to see to it! But in a funny twist, I'm getting Zucchini just trickling in, which is nice, so I am picking them nice and little, and not getting any monsters. I also think I've got some great pumpkins this year, as they are already coloring! Heirloom tomatoes are just starting to come in. It's fun to be here to see the garden progress!

- Diane Wilson

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#### A NOTE FROM DEE

We hope all is well and you are healthy and safe during this time of craziness! The Wilson team are all doing great and we are learning to adjust to the new protocols and safety standards set into place. Although things are forever changing, we're doing our best to stay upbeat and optimistic.

With the new reservation system set into place, it has been refreshing to see some familiar faces. Without our wine club members, it would be hard to keep a smile on our faces! For that, we thank you!

To those of you whom have not been able to visit and have had to cancel your trip to Wilson Winery, we want you to know, you are truly missed. The highlight of my day is when you call in and I get to have a personal conversation with you. It makes my day, and one day I look forward to putting a face to your voice and name.

We are excited about the 2018 Vintage and cannot wait to share these wines with you! Since we are all spending a lot of time at home, we thought it would be fun to share a recipe we've paired with one of your wine club wines and it is delish!

The Wilson Family and team want you all to know how much we've appreciated your support during these crazy times. You truly are amazing! Cheers to better days ahead accompanied by excellent wine!

#### **COVID-19 & WINE CLUB SHIPMENTS**

We have great news regarding all future wine club shipments! All wine clubs will process as normal. We are thrilled and cannot wait to share the 2018 Vintage with you! It truly is fantastic!

**A note regarding shipping:** The shipping carriers are about a week behind in deliveries. Thank you in advance for your patience as this is out of our hands. We plan to ship temperature control though-out September and October to those states who showcase high temperatures.

A note for pick-up members: Your wine will be ready to pickup the day after your club is charged. The tasting room will be open between the hours of 11-4pm daily. We ask that you wear your mask and wait outside the tasting room doors for someone to greet you. We will then gather your information and retrieve your wine. If you are interested in a tasting, you will need to make a reservation at www.wilsonwinery.com. Your wine club code is COYOTE.

- Dorothy "Dee" Allbrittion

Wine Club Manager

Bon Appetit

# SMOKED PAPRIKA-RUBBED STEAKS WITH VALDEON BUTTER



### **INGREDIENTS:**

4 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced

1/2 tablespoon kosher salt

1 tablespoon Pimentón de la Vera (smoked Spanish paprika)

Pinch of cayenne

Pinch of dried oregano

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Four 10-ounce rib-eye steaks, about 1 inch thick

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot

1 scallion, dark-green part only, finely chopped

2 ounces Valdeón or other intense and creamy blue cheese, crumbled (1/3 packed cup), at room temperature fep (

On a work surface, using the flat side of a chef's knife, mash the garlic to a paste with the salt. Scrape the garlic into a small bowl. Stir in the paprika, cayenne and oregano. Gradually stir in the olive oil. Spread the mixture on a large platter, add the steaks and turn to coat, rubbing in the marinade. Let stand at room temperature for 1 to 4 hours or refrigerate overnight.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, mash the butter with the shallot and scallion. Stir in the Valdeón. Scrape the blue cheese butter onto a sheet of plastic wrap and pat it into a 4-inch log. Wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least 30 minutes.

Light a grill or preheat a grill pan. Scrape some of the marinade off the steaks and grill over a medium-hot fire, turning once, about 8 minutes for medium-rare meat. Slice the butter 1 inch thick, set a pat on each steak and serve.

**RECOMMENDED PAIRING:** 2017 Dorothy's Syrah



VINEYARD ZIN CLUB RE-ORDER FORM

September 2020

Re-order any of your club shipment wines and receive an additional 10% off. Total savings is 35% (Ship) 40% (Pickup) and 1¢ ground shipping on case re-orders. Mix & match!

**RE-ORDER DEADLINES** Pick-up: September 30 | Ship: October 15

Varietal	Retail Bottle   Case	SHIP Re-order Bottle   Case	PICK-UP Re-order Bottle   Case	Qty
2018 Buzz Zinfandel 🕂	\$42 \$504	\$27 \$328	\$25 \$302	
2018 Ellie's Old Vine Zinfandel	\$40 \$480	\$26 \$312	\$24 \$288	
2018 Molly's Zinfandel 🕂	\$44 \$528	\$29 \$343	\$26 \$317	
2018 Snakepatch RSV Zinfandel	\$60 \$720	\$39 \$468	\$36 \$432	
2018 Botticelli RSV Zinfandel	\$60 \$720	\$39 \$468	\$36 \$432	
2018 Tori RSV Zinfandel	\$60 \$720	\$39 \$468	\$36 \$432	



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Total Bottles

# WINE CLUB RE-ORDER INFORMATION

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