

# CELLAR ZIN CLUB

October 2020





#### 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.

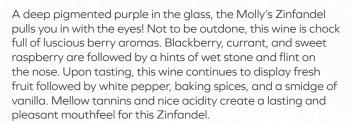
Composition | 100% Zinfandel

Oak Aging 18 months on 24% new French Oak

Cellar 0 to 7 years
Production 14 barrels

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

Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley



Composition
Oak Aging
Cellar
Production

94% Zinfandel & 6% Petite Sirah 18 months on 20% new French Oak 0 to 7 years 18 barrels

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

Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley

Jammy and spicy on the nose, fruit scents of sweet raspberry, thicket-ripened blackberry, and buttery cranberry come forward, along with a hint of caramel. The flavors do not disappoint, with bright red fruit being showcased, and a healthy dose of spice. With moderate tannins and good acidity, this Zin is less jammy and more elegant than the nose would lead you to believe and showcases a lovely vanillan creaminess.

Composition 95% Zinfandel & 5% Petite Sirah
Oak Aging 18 months on 25% new French Oak
Oak 7 years

Cellar 0 to 7 years
Production 22 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 7 years 22 barrels

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

Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley

This powerful benchland Zinfandel is full of exotic spices. Untamed aromas of raspberry, blackberry, and clove followed by subtle earthy notes. The flavors mimic the nose with additions of currant and star anise. The palate is structured with medium acidity and velvety tannins that coat the mouth.

Composition
Oak Aging
Cellar
Production

94% Zinfandel & 6% Petite Sirah 18 months on 25% new French Oak

0 to 7 years 18 barrels

#### 2018 WEDDING CAKE ZINFANDEL | Retail: \$44

Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley

An expressive crimson Zinfandel that has an intense bouquet of dried cherry, huckleberry and all-spice. These powerful fruits are grounded by hints of brambleberry and oak that linger on palate. The finish is clean and pure with a refined elegance, making it perfect for any special occasion.

Composition
Oak Aging

96% Zinfandel & 4% Petite Sirah 18 months on 25% new French Oak

Cellar Production 0 to 7 years 21 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 8 years 9 barrels

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

Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley

Unequivocally Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel in its purest form, this wine is the perfect balance of spice and jam. Expressive of its terroir, this benchland reserve has aromas of boysenberry, baking spices and white pepper. Notes of blackberry pie, cinnamon and vanilla dance across the palate. This wine exhibits refreshing acidity paired with excellent structure.

Composition Oak Aging Cellar

Production

96% Zinfandel & 4% Petite Sirah 22 months on 38% new French Oak

0 to 8 years 8 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 8 years 6 barrels

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

Rockpile Collection, Rockpile

Appealing in its dark cranberry color when given a hearty swish in the glass, this high altitude Zin offers warm and spicy scents of dried fruit and vanilla. Some dark forest notes come forward, along with a suggestion of mild Bing cherry. The mouthfeel is enticingly silky, with a strong cherry component, as well as boysenberry and cassis. Rounded baking spices hit the palate, along with some earthiness to create a lengthy finish. Moderate acidity keeps this wine bright.

Composition
Oak Aging
Cellar
Production

95% Zinfandel & 5% Petite Sirah 18 months on 30% new French Oak

0 to 8 years 9 barrels

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

Estate Collection, Dry Creek Valley

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### Diane's Update

It's the start of August, and 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

## Wine Club Update

#### 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 pick-up the day after your club is charged. 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" Albrittion 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 Step 1

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.

Step 2

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.

Step 3

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:** 2018 Sawyer RSV Zinfandel



#### **CELLAR ZIN CLUB RE-ORDER FORM**



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

**RE-ORDER DEADLINES** Pick-up: October 31 | Ship: November 15

Varietal	Retail Bottle   Case	Re-order Bottle   Case	Oty
2018 Buzz Zinfandel 🛒	\$42   \$504	\$27   \$328	
2018 Ellie's Old Vine Zinfandel	\$40   \$480	\$26   \$312	
2018 Molly's Zinfandel 🧖	\$44 \$528	\$29   \$343	
2018 Sawyer Zinfandel	\$42   \$504	\$27   \$328	
2018 Tori Zinfandel	\$42   \$504	\$27   \$328	
2018 Wedding Cake Zinfandel 🦸	\$44 \$528	\$29   \$343	
2018 Botticelli Reserve Zinfandel	\$60   \$720	\$39   \$468	
2018 Sawyer Reserve Zinfandel	\$60   \$720	\$39   \$468	
2018 Snakepatch Reserve Zinfandel	\$60   \$720	\$39   \$468	
2018 Thomas Reserve Zinfandel	\$60   \$720	\$39   \$468	
2018 Tori Reserve Zinfandel	\$60   \$720	\$39   \$468	
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