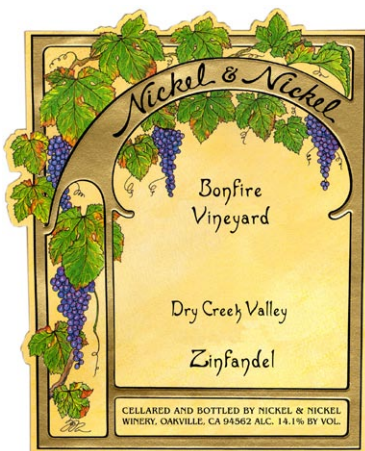




BONFIRE VINEYARD

Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma



APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma

YEAR PLANTED

2001

VARIETAL

Zinfandel

ACREAGE

7 acres

CLONE & ROOTSTOCK

Bevill/Mazzoni selection 89
on the 101-14 rootstock

TRELLISING

Vertical shoot positioning (VSP)

GEOLOGY

This vineyard consists of the Manzanita soil series which is a very deep, well-drained loam.

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Located in Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley, Bonfire Vineyard is situated on two rolling hills that are positioned to receive maximum sunlight exposure during the day. The soils are composed of a gravelly loam fused with red components that come from oxidized iron, which is indicative of ultra-premium Zinfandel vineyards in the area. While the weather is warmer in this area than in the Russian River, the marine influence still provides a natural acidity that produces wines of excellent proportions.

TASTING NOTES

Bonfire Zinfandel has opulent fruit both in the aroma and on the palate. Raspberry and blackberry fruits expand upon entry, with some layering of black pepper and earth adding interest. The sweet vanillin and spice from the oak add warmth to the juicy palate and carry through into a long, supple finish. This wine is beautifully balanced despite its rich intensity.