



## *Bonfire Vineyard* *Zinfandel*

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.