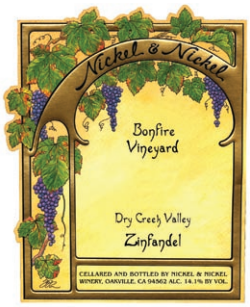

Bonfire Vineyard

Zinfandel

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 from both the east and the west. The soils are composed of a gravelly loam fused with red components that come from oxidized iron, which is indicative of exceptional Zinfandel vineyards in the area. The region's marine influence is balanced by enough warmth to provide full ripeness, producing wines of excellent proportions. Nickel & Nickel produces this Zinfandel from four-and-a-quarter of the vineyard's 30 acres.

Appellation Dry Creek Valley (Sonoma)

Year Planted 2001

Varietal Zinfandel

Acreage 4.25 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.

Tasting Notes Bonfire Zinfandel has opulent, dark, ripe berry fruit that expands 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.