



2017 SPENCER VINEYARD ZINFANDEL



Tasting Notes:

A complex mix of tart blackberries, baked plums, warm earth, fresh black cherries, anise, a slight note of red tootsie roll pop. On the palate, the wine is plush with great depth which is a testament to the zinfandel clone (Wente) and vineyard age (10 years in the 2017 growing season). This wine has an expansive roundness that seems to push outward with power. The complexity of flavors mimics the nose, with a savory/spicy finish with grippy tannins that makes this a wonderful expression of Dry Creek Zinfandel.

Harvest Notes:

The year began with abundant rainfall which we always welcome after the mid-decade drought. This was followed by a mild Spring resulting in extended flowering and very little shatter in the vineyard. A fairly “normal” summer was soon ratcheted up starting with a Labor Day weekend heatwave (105+ degrees) that kicked harvest for us into high gear.

Vineyard:	Spencer Vineyard
Winemaker:	Thomas Rivers Brown
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Release Date:	October 14, 2019
Harvest Date:	September 11, 2017
Alcohol:	14.9%
Production:	192 cases



About Spencer:

Spencer is our ten-year-old Golden-Lab Cross. Spencer loves to spend his days in the vineyard on long walks through out the mostly Redwood-forested estate. Everyone who meets Spencer loves him and we hope you will feel the same way about his eponymous wine!

Spencer was featured on the cover of the book, Wine Dogs, five years ago and has his own calendar.