



MINISTRY OF THE VINTERIOR 2013 Dry Creek Zinfandel

Vintage conditions

To a person, every California winemaker was delighted with the 2013 growing year and harvest. After the previous three difficult years during which nature wreaked havoc leading up to harvest, a warm September and dry October allowed late-ripening Zinfandel to fully develop and be picked under optimal conditions which delivered balanced, flavor-packed wines.

Tasting notes

The 2013 Ministry of the Vinterior Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel is a charismatic example of varietal in perfect harmony with its growing region. This extroverted, but restrained Zinfandel throws heady aromas of white peach, guava, bright red raspberry, and varietally-characteristic black pepper out of the glass. In the mouth, the wine is soft and luscious, with flavors of raspberry jam, milk chocolate, and smoky roasted coffee intermingling with sweet, mouth-filling tannins. Enjoy this flirty wine with your best slow-cooled pulled pork, dripping with smoky BBQ sauce and served with buttered corn on the cob and an arugula salad with pancetta and figs.

Aging: 20 months in new and once-used French and American oak.

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Analysis
Variety: 100% Zinfandel
Alcohol: 15.25%
pH: 3.86
TA: 5.2 g/L

