



Vineyard: This is our first Zinfandel harvested from Sonoma County and hails from one of our favorite appellations for Zinfandel, the Dry Creek Valley. The 20-acre Coffaro Vineyard dates back to the late 1800's and is predominantly planted to Zinfandel, Carignane and Petite Sirah. This site with its signature, red gravelly loam soil produces extremely concentrated, complex fruit. Located on the valley floor in the old riverbed, the soil is extremely well drained and the yields are naturally low. We chose the name Ghost Clones for this wine because it is made up of a selection of younger Zinfandel vines grafted from cuttings of the unique Old clones of Zinfandel on the property (which are Unknown), from the original vineyard block planted in the late 1800's. We were thrilled at the chance to work with a little bit of this amazing fruit from this historic site.

Winemaking: The Zinfandel grapes from Coffaro were hand picked in the early morning arriving at the winery cold and pristine. Our job in taking the grapes to wine is to capture their very essence with as minimal and gentle handling as possible. We gently de-stemmed the fruit, sorted and gravity fed the grapes into French Oak Puncheons for cold soak and primary whole-berry fermentation using only native yeasts. The Puncheons were rolled three times a day for approximately three weeks after which the wine was pressed into French Oak barrels, 30% new, for malo-lactic fermentation and aging. The wine aged on its lees in barrel for 32 months and was then racked and bottled.

The Wine: Displays an opaque deep, garnet-purple color and an intensely fruited nose of black raspberry, black cherry compote, crème de cassis and marionberry fruit matched with touches of white pepper, baking spices and toasty vanilla oak. Medium-bodied and plush textured showing loads of ripe, rich fruit and berry character with a juicy, lively acidity that persists on the palate and carries the wine through the intense finish.

(150 Cases Produced)

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