



ZINFINITY

2015 SONOMA COUNTY ZINFANDEL

*“Single-vineyard wines are the ultimate in quality when the vineyard and the vintage are right. There’s an equally valid proposition for combining vineyards: the infinite flexibility afforded by blending often results in wine of great elegance, richness, and individuality. **Zinfinity** is the realization of that possibility.”*

- William Knuttel, winemaker

Zinfinity Sonoma County Zinfandel utilizes the magic of blending to achieve a beautifully balanced, densely structured wine. The foundation of the 2015 **Zinfinity**

is the fruit from 55-year-old vines in Biglieri Vineyard at the southern edge of Dry Creek Valley, blended with some Bradford Mountain selection Zin from Ottimino Vineyard. To these finely nuanced Zins we added dense hillside fruit from Windsor Oaks Vineyard in the Chalk Hill sub-appellation of Russian River Valley, and additional old vine Zin from Cartee Vineyard down the street from Seghesio Winery. Finally, we added Petite Sirah from Doug Rafanelli’s steep hillside vines to enhance the density and structure of the blend. The lots were aged separately for ten months, then fashioned into **Zinfinity** and racked to French oak for another eight

All of the lots in the blend were made in the same fashion: cold-extraction of gently crushed fruit, lengthy fermentation with vigorous pumpovers, extended maceration, aging in French oak, quarterly racking—and minimal intervention. And, of course, there are copious (nigh well infinite!) rounds of blend trials required to make the best **Zinfinity** possible!

TASTING NOTES:

Dense aromas of black plum, ripe cherry, blackberry and bramble are lifted by notes of creamy oak. Flavors follow on, with the entry adding hints of raspberry and cassis. Dense, juicy tannins flesh out the mid-palate, which leads to a firm finish of great length and persistence. The 2015 Zinfinity displays excellent balance, allowing great versatility in food pairing, and, like all wines well-crafted in claret style, will further develop with extended cellar aging.

VINEYARDS: Biglieri, Ottimino Estate, Windsor Oaks, Cartee, D. Rafanelli

BLEND: 88% Zinfandel/12% Petite Sirah

BARREL AGING: 21 months in French oak (Francois Freres, Demptos, Tonnelleries O)

PRODUCTION: 800 cases

ANALYTICAL: Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.78, Total Acidity 0.57 g/100ml

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