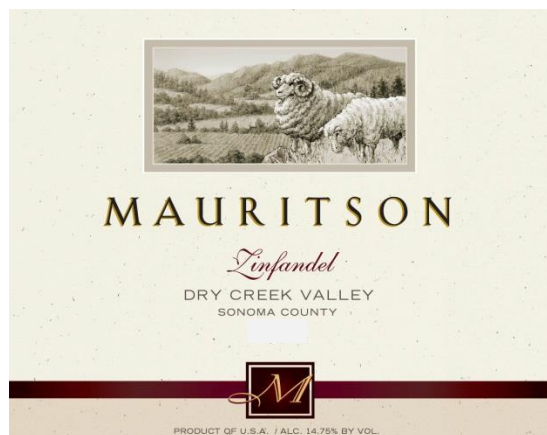




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2017 Mauritsen Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley

Production:	1300 cases
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Composition:	94% Zinfandel 6% Petite Sirah
Estate Vineyards:	Block 5, Rockpile Ridge, Madrone Spring, Cemetery
Grower Vineyards:	Faloni Ranch, Buchignani/Garcia, Treborce, Montecillo
Alcohol:	14.75% by volume
Aging:	14 months 100% French Oak

Winemakers' Perspective

2017 started off as a wet year, with storms in the early months of the year dumping 2.4 inches of rain at a time -- officially knocking California out of its drought status! The wet season continued past our typical late March bud break.

The vines finally hit their stride in early May, when temperatures climbed 10-15 degrees higher than average. Later, numerous but brief heat spikes further stressed the small amount of fruit the vines produced. To say vintage 2017 was difficult farming is an understatement.

Despite these challenges, our long-standing relationships with meticulous growers and the incredible dedication from our cellar team resulted in wines of great depth, loads of perfumed fruit and a rare accessibility.

Our 2017 Dry Creek Zin is a little bit riper than previous vintages, but it carries its concentration and dried-fruit elements with incredible poise. Black-fruit aromas dusted with sweet baking spices co-mingle with star anise. The entry has inviting fruit, followed by a dense and full-bodied mid-palate witchewy tannins and a nice long finish with beautiful freshness. Enjoy for the next 7-10 years.

Cheers,

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