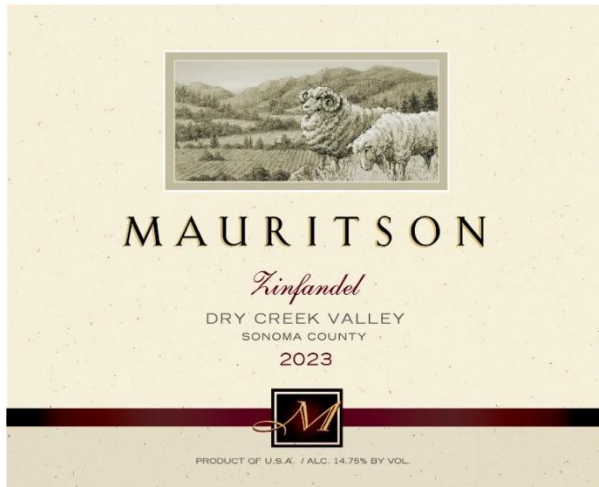




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## 2023 Mauritson Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley

**Production:** 909 cases  
**Appellation:** Dry Creek Valley  
**Composition:** 92% Zinfandel  
8% Petite Sirah  
**Grower Vineyards:** Buchignani/Garcia  
Blake Mauritson  
Faloni  
Jajodia  
**Alcohol:** 14.75% by volume  
**Aging:** 16 months  
100% French Oak

## Winemakers' Perspective

The weather in 2023 transported us back to the much cooler growing seasons of the late 1990s and early 2000s ~ a big shift from the past 10 years of warmer and drier growing seasons. That previous trend had caused us to make incremental adjustments to our farming practices to accommodate an earlier harvest in August, the warmest part of the growing season.

The milder summer of 2023 instead pushed harvest to October and meant we didn't have to hasten any vineyard decisions, so flavor, color and tannin were formed in abundance in the grapes. Cooler fermentation temperatures and lighter maceration techniques also helped create wines of perfect freshness, incredible hue and structure and an intensity of detail that will continue to provide reward as they evolve.

Our 2023 Mauritson Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley is perfumy and intoxicating on the nose. Crushed summer blackberry, kirsch, sweet floral spice and essence of tangerine rind mingle beautifully with warm toasted pie crust, fresh ground almond paste and vanilla pod aromas. On the palate, this Zinfandel is energetic and multi-faceted. Details of fresh dark fruit with undertones of roasted coffee bean give way to a core of inviting, velvety tannins and a long fresh finish. For early enjoyment, we recommend decanting, however, this incredible Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel will be even more rewarding with 1-2 years of bottle age and will age gorgeously for 10+ years.

Cheers,

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