

# 2013

## HILLS & BENCHES

zinfandel

**VARIETY:** 82% zinfandel, 12% petite sirah, 6% carignane

**APPELLATION:** Dry Creek Valley

**DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST:** 27.0

**pH:** 3.78

**ALCOHOL:** 15.4%

**CELLAR RECOMMENDATION:** Enjoy this wine through 2020

**VINIFICATION NOTES:** The Hills and Benches fruit was picked between September 15th and October 3rd. The grapes were hand sorted, destemmed and put into closed top fermentation tanks, where twice-daily pumpovers occurred for 12 days. The wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels for 10 months, 15% of which was new oak.

**SENSORY NOTES:** Bright and fresh, the Hills & Benches zinfandel displays layers of plum, strawberry and black tea, all leading to a rich, round finish with plenty of minerality.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** To showcase the classic Dry Creek Valley style, we created this wine by artfully blending hillside and benchland fruit. Our estate vineyard, Lily Hill is perched above the north end of the valley and provides dark, concentrated grapes, the result of the rugged and 'stressed' hillside vines. We sourced the benchland portion of this blend from several vineyards, including the Florence vineyard, whose grapes bring red fruit and soft, lush texture. The carignon adds a vibrancy to the blend, while the petite sirah helps to finish this beautiful wine with structure.

### VINEYARD DETAILS:

**CLONE:** Various

**SOIL TYPE:** Clay, heavy loam, alluvial

**ELEVATION:** 250-600 feet

**VINE SPACING:** 6x8, 8x8

**YIELD PER ACRE:** 3-4 tons

**ROOTSTOCK:** St. George, 110R

**YEAR PLANTED:** Various

**IRRIGATION:** Minimal drip

**TRELLISING STYLE:** Vertical shoot positioning, head-trained

**RETAIL PRICE:** \$35. Strictly limited production

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