

2014

LILY HILL

zinfandel

VARIETY: 96% zinfandel, 2% petite sirah, 2% syrah**APPELLATION:** Dry Creek Valley**DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST:** 24.8**pH:** 3.59**ALCOHOL:** 14.9%**CELLAR RECOMMENDATION:** Enjoy this wine through 2023

VINIFICATION NOTES: We have 8 different blocks of zinfandel on the Lily Hill. Each are picked individually according to ripeness. The first fruit was from blocks 5, 6 and 8, hand picked on September 2nd, finishing with the Lily Hill petite sirah on September 15th. Fruit was sorted, destemmed and fermented in closed-top tanks for an average of 14 days. The wine was barrelled-down into a combination of French and American oak, 20% new, for 18 months in our wine caves.

SENSORY NOTES: With a pretty floral nose of dark ripe fruit, the 2014 Lily Hill zinfandel exhibits classic and lively Dry Creek flavors of blackberries, black cherries, licorice and exotic spices. The wine has a silky texture with a full mouthfeel, intertwined with a smokey cigar box finish. The incorporation of a small amount of petite sirah pushes the finish into rich, substantial length.

VINEYARD NOTES: Lily Hill Vineyard has become synonymous with making wines of elegance and substance. From the first plantings in 1915 to the blocks planted in 2001, this hillside, sloping vineyard benefits from cooler nights and warmer days.

VINEYARD DETAILS:**CLONE:** Various**SOIL TYPE:** Clay, heavy loam**ELEVATION:** 400-600 feet**VINE SPACING:** 8' x 8'**YIELD PER ACRE:** 1.5-2.5 tons**ROOTSTOCK:** St. George**YEAR PLANTED:** 1915-2001**TRELLISING STYLE:** Head-trained, cordon**IRRIGATION:** Minimal drip**RETAIL PRICE:** \$45. Strictly limited production

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