

# OPTIMA

## 2016 ROSÉ

### DRY CREEK VALLEY

#### *Vineyard*

This Rosé was produced from fruit grown on the western side of Dry Creek Valley, 200 feet above the valley floor. This appellation has a diversity of microclimates and soil variations, which enable it to accommodate many different grape varieties. Petite Sirah and Zinfandel ripen beautifully in the warm northern section of the region and gathers much complexity due to the soil composition.

#### *Winemaking*

We co-fermented four different grape varieties—Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Merlot and Pinot Noir to create layered flavors. The Petite Sirah and Zinfandel add body and aromatics and a touch of Merlot and Pinot Noir meld the personality together providing complexity and length. The grapes were whole-cluster pressed on the same day they were picked. The juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures to preserve the delicate fruit aromas. This results in a nice crisp, dry Rosé with complex fruit aromatics.

#### *Tasting Notes*

Our dry Rosé presents an aromatic symphony of wild strawberries, rhubarb and vanilla cream that are vibrant and fresh. Flavors of raspberry give way to minerality and hints of white peach. The wine is silky and inviting on the front palate, with a crisp and bright, long dry finish. Enjoy this wine over the course of the next year with lighter fare or by the pool with friends on a hot summer day.

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#### TECHNICAL DATA:

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Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Blend: 45% Petite Sirah  
45% Zinfandel  
5% Merlot  
5% Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 14.1%  
RS: None



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