



HIGHWIRE VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

2017

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Over 100 years old, the Highwire Vineyard takes its name from the vineyard's trellising systems: half of the parcel is head trained and half is trained on a high wire trellis strung between each vine. This trellising method was implemented by vineyard owner Lloyd Chelli to permit greater sun exposure and promote even ripening. Both sections of the vineyard are harvested separately and evaluated individually; only then select the best lots to ensure that we maintain a consistent style for the incredibly unique Highwire Vineyard Zinfandel.

The Chelli family cares deeply for the old vines behind their home. Their dedicated approach to farming is reflected in the character of the wine produced from their vineyard. Cool nights in the Russian River Valley help retain bright acidity, while double sorting removes less ripe berries and raisins, retaining a fresh fruit focus.

TASTING NOTES

Consistently distinctive cracked white pepper nuances differentiate the Highwire single-vineyard from our other Zinfandel bottlings. Concentrated licorice, blackberry and boysenberry fruit aromas and flavors are also a signature of this vineyard, which complement the dark chocolate and sappy dark fruit nuances that linger in the youthful finish.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 51% new
Time in oak:	10 months
Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	16.0%
TA:	7.0 g/L
pH:	3.48
Cases produced:	327
Unfined and unfiltered	



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2017:	"Outstanding"	93 Points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , May 2019
2017:	"Outstanding"	93 Points	Tim Fish, <i>Wine Spectator</i> , June 2019
2017:	"Outstanding"	92 Points	Jeb Dunnock, <i>jebdunnock.com</i> , June 2019
2016	"As good as it gets"	97 points	<i>Jebdunnock.com</i> , June 2018
2016	"Extraordinary"	97 points	L.P.-B., Robert Parker, <i>Wine Advocate</i> , October 2018
2016	"Exceptional"	96 points	Antonio Galloni <i>Vinous</i> , April 2018
2015	"Outstanding"	96 points	L.P.-B., Robert Parker, <i>Wine Advocate</i> , April 2017
2015	"Outstanding"	93 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , March 2017
2014	"Outstanding"	96 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , October 2015
2014	"Outstanding"	93+ points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , February 2016
2013	"Outstanding"	93 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2014
2013	"Outstanding"	93+ points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , January 2015
2012	"Outstanding"	95 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2013
2012	"Outstanding"	92 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2014
2011	"Outstanding"	92 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , April 2013
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2010	"Outstanding"	93 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2011
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2009	"Outstanding"	94 points	T.F., <i>The Wine Spectator</i> , June 2011
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