



CINNABAR
WINERY

2021 SORCERER'S STONE CALIFORNIA

Vineyards

Summer's Ranch Vineyards,
Gilroy, CA
Denice Vineyard, Gilroy, CA

Wine Analysis

Content: 85% Zinfandel, 15% Petite
Sirah
Alcohol: 14.8% pH: 3.70
Acidity: 0.65g/100ml
Production: 112 cases
Bottling Date: Aug 24, 2023
Release Date: Nov 1, 2024



Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Tasting Notes

Sorcerer's Stone is our signature blend of Zinfandel and a touch of Petite Syrah. This wine offers enticing aromas of cherry, star anise, and cardamom, with flavors of plums, figs, and cranberry jam on the palate. Perfectly pairs with pork tonkatsu, roasted lamb, or carnitas tacos.

The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then racked into American oak barrels for maturation. 22 months in oak, 50% new, 50% 1 year old.

The Grape

Zinfandel, known for its deep purple hue, medium tannins, and high acidity, offers a "spicy" profile with dominant berry flavors ranging from strawberry to blackberry bramble, depending on ripeness. Originally from the imperial gardens at Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, Zinfandel arrived in Boston in the 1820s and has thrived in California since the Gold Rush, becoming the state's most widely planted grape. Petite Syrah enhances Sorcerer's Stone, adding structure, deep color, and the ideal touch of spice to complete its bold character.

The Land

Summer's Ranch Vineyard, nestled on the valley floor along Dryden Avenue in Gilroy, lies at the base of the Diablo Mountain Range. Its Zinfandel block is cultivated using a quadrilateral trellis system, ensuring optimal growth and fruit development. Denice Ranch, situated on the west side of Santa Clara Valley at the foothills, boasts fertile, well-drained soil. This balance between fruit and canopy produces Petite Sirah grapes with exceptional color and captivating aromas, perfectly reflecting the vineyard's unique terroir.

The Season

The 2021 season began with sunny skies and a warm spring. But with the continuing drought, the vineyards were challenged. The vines response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. But the silver lining was while the crop was down, the concentration was amazing. The small berries were packed with color, flavor, and excellent tannins. The fall was perfect to take these berries to full ripeness with intensity. Overall, an excellent vintage!