

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2015

ZINFANDEL

MARIAH VINEYARD

VINEYARD NOTES

High in the coastal mountains of Mendocino County, Mariah Vineyard sits on a mountaintop above the fog from the nearby Pacific beyond and below. Its appellation is Mendocino Ridge, the world's first non-contiguous appellation that starts at an elevation of 1,200 ft. and goes up from there to Mariah Vineyards at 2,600 ft. Dan and Vicki Dooling take incredible care of this vineyard making sure to cluster thin so no bunches of fruit are touching one another, which makes for very concentrated flavors.

PRODUCTION

We picked this fruit on September 20th, 2015. We picked it at about 24 brix to keep the acidity bright and beautiful. We crushed into macro bins and some of the bins took off on a native fermentation, so we allowed them to ferment on their native yeast. We inoculated the rest of the bins with D80 and they all had a healthy two-week fermentation. Once most of the bins had finished, we pressed them all together to marry the various flavor profiles. The next day we inoculated with malolactic and pumped the wine down to barrel where it rested for one year until bottling.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Aromas of cherry pie, fig, plum, pipe tobacco and sarsaparilla give way to flavors of s'mores, juicy blackberry, milk chocolate, white pepper and cola.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION
MENDOCINO RIDGE

COMPOSITION
100% Zinfandel

ALCOHOL
14.2%

PH
3.39

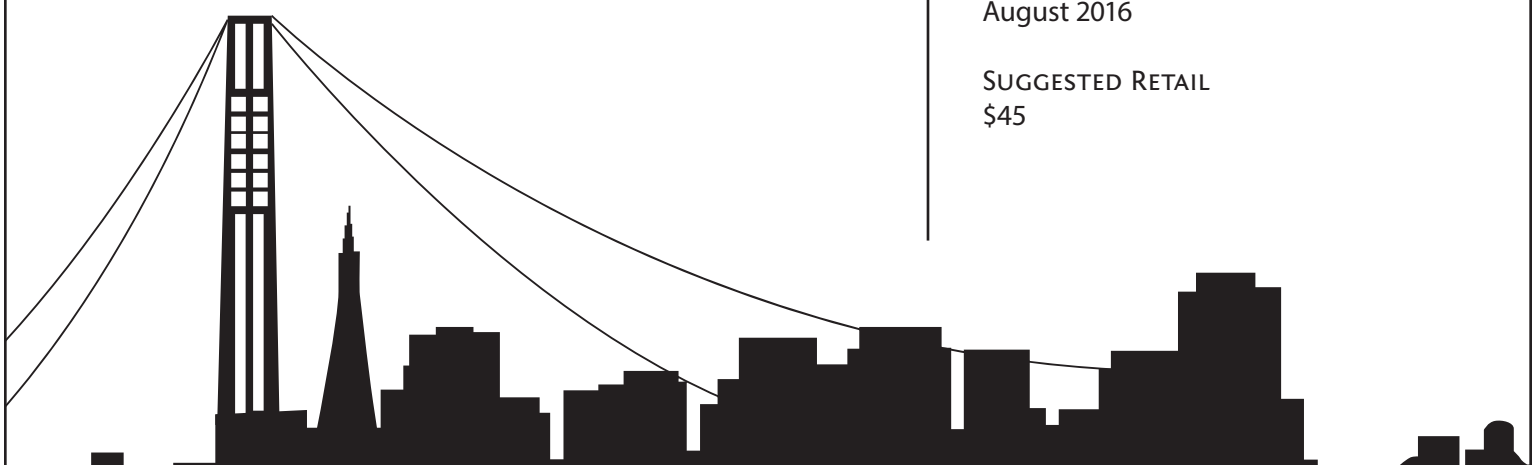
TOTAL ACIDITY
.68g / 100ml

BARRELS
15% NEW AMERICAN OAK
15% NEW FRENCH OAK
70% NEUTRAL OAK

CASES PRODUCED
500

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August 2016

SUGGESTED RETAIL
\$45



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