



TILTH

Tilth, which refers to soil health, encapsulates the Driscoll's approach to exploring California's treasury of soils.



Zinfandel 2017

California, USA

ESTATE

Jason and Hilary Driscoll met in Washington State and discovered their love of wine through Jason's work as a chef and their determination to find the perfect wine pairings. What was supposed to be a brief once-in-a-lifetime harvest opportunity in between kitchens, turned into a passion and full-time job as Jason worked his way up through the cellars at Hunnicut Wines before becoming the Assistant Winemaker for David and Katharine DeSante of DeSante Wines. "DeSante University" immersed him both in the vineyards and the cellar. He learned everything from pruning to pump-building. Jason was exposed to lesser known vineyards, both old and new, that produced spectacular fruit. Inspired by the quality wines these vineyards produced, Hilary and Jason conceived Tilth Wines.

WINE

Tilth California Zinfandel highlights the grace and vibrancy of its 50 to 100 year old vines in sandy soils. Del Barba Vineyard in Contra Costa County and Cherryhouse vineyard in Lodi demonstrate the quality potential of these often overlooked regions.

VINEYARD

The 2017 vintage was source primarily from the Bel Barba and Cherryhouse vineyards. The Del Barbra vineyard is owned by Tom Del Barbra who farms old vines in pure sand that give beautiful acidity and spice every year. Cherryhouse is located in Lodi's Mokelumne River AVA, where the meticulously managed vineyard is owned and farmed by brothers Jeff and John Perlegos. The head trained vines are rooted in a sandy loam and yield a bright and concentrated Zinfandel. Instead of the typically large cluster that Zinfandel can be known for, Cherryhouse yields a tight grenade-like cluster with a small berry size. It's a special site that excites us every year.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 75% Zinfandel, 13% Syrah, 10% Valdiguie, 2% Petit Sirah

Harvest: Late August

Fermentation: Each vineyard is fermented separately in 1-3 ton open top containers. 50% whole clusters were used with the Syrah and 100% whole clusters were used with the Valdiguie.

Aging: 10 months in French oak barrels, 20% new.

Alcohol: 15.2%

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"Bold, racy and absolutely delicious. Succulent red cherry, plum, blood orange, spice, leather, cedar, chocolate and menthol give the wine its juicy, extroverted personality. This budget-friendly wine from Tilth is absolutely irresistible. -Antonio Galloni, 05/2019

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