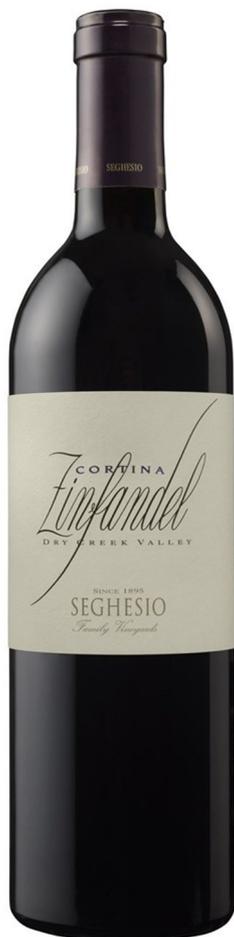


Seghesio,
`Cortina` Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel 2021
Sonoma County, California, USA

SINCE 1895
SEGHESIO
Family Vineyards



Grape Varieties	100% Zinfandel
Winemaker	Andy Robinson
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15%
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.75
Notes	Carbon Neutral, Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

For over a century, the Seghesio family has played an integral role in the evolution of the region's viticulture. The winery was established in 1895, when Italian immigrant Edoardo Seghesio planted his first Zinfandel vines in what is now Seghesio's 'Home Ranch' vineyard in Alexander Valley. Edoardo and his wife Angela continued growing vines during the Prohibition years, and were the only winery in the region to survive that era. Seghesio's reputation for world class Zinfandel was cemented under the guidance of third generation Pete Seghesio and his cousin Ted Seghesio in the 1980s. Italian consultant winemaker Alberto Antonini's influence can be seen in the juicy, approachable style of Zinfandel that has become Seghesio's hallmark. Seghesio owns 120 hectares of sustainably-farmed vineyards across several renowned appellations in Sonoma, including Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley and Russian River Valley.

VINEYARDS

The majority of the fruit for this wine comes from Chen's Vineyard in the Dry Creek Valley which was planted in 1972 by fourth-generation Ted Seghesio and his father Ed. The site soil is diverse, with sandy soil along the creek and a gravelly loam called "Cortina" in the rest of the vineyard. With mornings shrouded in fog and afternoon tempered by ocean breezes, this vineyard ripens late producing grapes with concentrated flavours and refreshing acidity.

VINTAGE

The 2021 harvest unfolded smoothly despite limited water availability and irrigation bans across Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys. With few extreme heat events, grapes ripened at a moderate pace, avoiding dehydration and preserving natural acidity. Lower moisture levels earlier in the season reduced yields in some varieties, particularly around budbreak and bloom, but this resulted in intensely flavoured fruit. Night harvesting took place between 7 and 22 September 2021, producing wines of strong varietal character and vibrant mouthfeel.

VINIFICATION

All grapes were hand-picked and sorted at the winery before being gently destemmed and transferred by gravity into small open-top fermenters. Fermentation on skins lasted between seven and ten days, with extraction managed through pneumatic punch-downs. Free-run juice was drained and briefly settled before being transferred to barrel to complete malolactic fermentation. The wines were aged for 14 months in a combination of 13% new French oak and 87% neutral French and American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The nose reveals aromas of briary black raspberry, lavender, and graham cracker crust. On the palate, bright acidity frames a vibrant mix of blue, black, and red fruit, with a subtle thread of cocoa powder carrying through the mid-palate. The finish is lifted by gentle spice, delivering an elegant, velvety mouthfeel and a balanced richness that highlights both fruit and savoury depth.