

# SQUARE, PLUMB & LEVEL

Square, Plumb & Level (SPL) is about crafting high quality, vineyard-designate wine focused on wine drinkers with experimental and discerning palates. We espouse the idea that bigger is not always better, highlighting varietals/vineyards and winemaking methods that evoke a sense of place, subtlety over capacity, bottle by bottle.

## Winemaker, Bill Knuttel

Bill was the founding Winemaker at Sainbury Winery where he spent 13 years establishing that brand as an international leader in high-end Pinot Noir and Chardonnay rooted in the Burgundian style. Bill then spent 7 years as VP & Winemaker at Chalk Hill Winery specializing in ultra-premium Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris. From 2003 to 2011 Bill was Executive Winemaker at Dry Creek Vineyards where he completely re-honed the styles and quality of that winery's extensive portfolio. We are pleased to have Bill as our Winemaker and close friend.

## Biglieri Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

Located in the northern part of Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley is one of California's top regions for growing Zinfandel. The backbone of our Zinfandel is from 55-yr old vines in the Biglieri Vineyard at the southern edge of Dry Creek Valley.

## The Wine

Hand-harvested fruit was crushed and cold-extracted three days with vigorous irrigations for color and tannin early in the fermentation. We decreased pumpovers after peak fermentation and the new wine was pressed off at dryness to avoid excess tannin. We then racked the juice to 100% French oak (40% new barrels) for 20 months. SPL Zinfandel is best enjoyed paired with grilled hamburgers, hearty cheeses and pizza.

**Vintage:** 2018  
**Blend:** 100% Zinfandel  
**Profile:** Black Plum, Pomegranate, White Pepper, Cedar  
**Alc:** 14.5%  
**Aging:** 20 months in French Oak, 40% New  
**Production:** 200 cases



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