



HUNNICUTT

2015 FEARLESS RED SONOMA COUNTY

<i>Release Date</i>	April, 2018
<i>Production</i>	8 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Sonoma County
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	32% Zinfandel, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot. 12% Malbec & 6% Syrah
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 18 months in a blend of French and American Oak, 30% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>Fearless Red is a wine that began as an experiment. When we were still a very new winery, we had the opportunity to source some Syrah from a friend, and while we knew the vineyard to be excellent, we had never worked with Syrah before and frankly didn't have a plan. That said, it is best to take opportunities when they are offered, so we sourced our first Syrah grapes in the 2007 vintage and held our breath to see what we had.</p> <p>Those familiar with the 2007 vintage will know that what we had was excellent, but also abundant! So we set fruit aside for a 100% Syrah bottling, but took some of the plentiful Syrah and built a blend alongside Zinfandel and Petite Syrah. This became the first CUTT Fearless Red, CUTT quickly became and remains our experimental label, a chance to showcase a first outing or new project. Over subsequent vintages, Fearless Red quickly became a mainstay, so in honor of its definite place in our portfolio, with the 2015 vintage we have officially brought it out of CUTT and into HUNNICUTT fold.</p> <p>The 2015 vintage was an excellent vintage for this change as the wine is every bit deserving of consideration. Rich brambled notes of raspberry and wild blackberry provide a fruity core, which marries nicely to hints of violet, black pepper, cured charcuterie and baking spices. This wine has a long opulent finish and once tasted, leaves an abiding flavor of well...wine. What can we say, the 2015 Fearless Red is wine flavored.</p> <p>Feel free to enjoy this wine now; it's what it was made for, though it will age quite happily for the next 5 to 7 years.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2016 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast HUNNICUTT 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford AVA, <i>Brinkman Block</i>



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