

TRIONE *Vineyards & Winery*



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Scot Covington - Winemaker

Trione 2015 Flatridge Zinfandel

The drought conditions were all that was talked about for majority of the year in 2015. Dry conditions in the beginning on the year lead to an early bud break. The growing season was warm, dry and for most of the period, mild. It was the early bud break and relatively light crop that made 2015 one of the shortest harvests on record. It was certainly the earliest harvest for Trione as we began bringing in grapes for sparkling on August 12th and finished with the last of the Flatridge Zinfandel the first week of October.

Cases produced: 710

Winemaking: Flatridge Zinfandel is a very special wine and vineyard. The vineyard was planted with a selection of zinfandel sourced from a 100-year-old vineyard next to St. Peter's Church in the northern Sonoma County town of Cloverdale. The church's vineyard has been the source of plant material for many well-known producers of Zinfandel in the Rockpile Appellation of Sonoma County. It was made in small open top fermenters in a style similar to pinot noir, hand plunging the cap three to four times daily. The wine was also made with a special strain of yeast selected from a Rockpile selection of Syrah.

Alcohol: 14.6 percent by volume

TA: 6.20 g/l

pH: 3.77

Tasting Notes: Blackberries and blueberries are the first impressions; beautiful soft entry with a well-knit tannin structure, supple yet with firm mouthfeel and finish. This wine develops in the glass from subtle fruit aromatics to ever evolving notes of plum, allspice and black currant. It is developing with intensity and substance and should continue to do so for the next 4-7 years.

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