

# HOBOWINE

## SONOMA COUNTY ZINFANDEL 2020



In 2020, fires came early in the growing season, we picked grapes wearing N95 masks, dodged fire trucks, and constantly prayed that it wasn't as bad as it seemed, but it was. As a result, we only harvested two of the five vineyards that normally contribute to this wine. We harvested Chen on the first day of the fires before the smoke settled in while crews and planes battled the fires just over the ridge from the vineyard. A little over a week later, we harvested up in Rockpile. We didn't know what to expect but seemingly the vineyard was high enough elevation and far enough from the fires to go unscathed.

This, our third "Sonoma County" Zinfandel is a blend of the Chen Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley and the Branham Rockpile Vineyard in the Rockpile AVA. Though only from two vineyards this year, the wine still captures the climatic diversity of the area especially in a vintage like 2020. We believe that sourcing from multiple sites and climates and soil types give us a representation of the area and a variety of different expressions and flavors.

The pieces were fermented individually and blended at the first racking in February of 2020 including about 5% Petite Sirah also from the Branham Rockpile Vineyard. The final blend was aged in a French oak foudre and a single barrique.

Technical Info		Notes:
Harvest	Aug 22 and Sept 1, 2020	
pH	3.79	
TA	7.65 g/L	
R.S.	0.01%	
Alcohol	13.0% by volume	
Production	391 cases produced.	

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