

QUIVIRA

Year Founded: 1981

**Region: Dry Creek Valley,
Sonoma, California**

Owners: Pete & Terri Kight

Winemaker: Hugh Chappelle

Known For: Quivira Vineyards is a leading producer of Zinfandel, Sauvignon Blanc and Rhône varieties, with a reputation for intentional winегrowing and a thoughtful commitment to organic farming.

**-Biodynamic,
CCOF Certified Organic -**

Quivira Winery is located on the 110-acre estate that is bisected by the Wine Creek; this life-giving water source is the namesake of our home ranch, Wine Creek Ranch.

The soil deposited over thousands of years on the valley floor is primarily gravelly and sandy loam – deep, well drained and fertile dirt that produces good crops of flavorful grapes. A representative of the Adcon weather station has stated that our Wine Creek Ranch is the coldest site in Dry Creek Valley; this is optimal for preserving acidity in the Sauvignon Blanc and Rhônes

planted on the valley floor. The property’s Mediterranean climate and well-draining soils enable Rhône varieties to thrive. Quivira is at the forefront of blending Rhône varieties in Dry Creek and stands out from other New World products in the initial flavor profile. Our Rhône varieties---mainly Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre have grown only a couple of hundred yards apart from one another. This creates a synergy that is distinct to Wine Creek and optimized by Hugh and the Kight's winегrowing partnership. Quivira’s environmental stewardship has been all-encompassing. Beginning in 1998, we partnered with conservation agencies in restoring Wine Creek and Dry Creek for their native Steelhead and Coho populations. We keep beehives to promote pollination of our garden’s genetically diverse produce varieties and raise animals to provide fertilization material. It is our philosophy that the vines are only as healthy as the entire ranch therefore we farm holistically and sustainably, and further our commitment with each vintage.





2022 Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County

99% Sauvignon Blanc, 1% Semillon. 40% Wine Creek Ranch CCOF certified organic, with the balance sourced from like-minded growers. After field sorting the fruit before it reaches the winery, we gently whole-cluster press the grapes to retain acidity and minimize tannin extraction. Only one vineyard in this blend was lightly crushed before pressing for a small amount of skin contact. Cool, not cold, fermentation emphasized varietal character and terroir nuances. 78% barrel fermentation with 22% in stainless for freshness and acid balance. As usual, the barrels were mostly older 500L Acacia puncheons, which only added texture with no aroma or flavor impact and helped buffer our typically high acidity. A very small inclusion of Semillon (1%) was used as a final finishing touch for overall wine balance.

91 Points – '21 Wine Spectator – *“Fragrant, with jasmine and lemon blossom aromatics that mingle with the core of candied ginger, pineapple and citrus flavors. Features juicy lemon curd notes that linger on the finish.”*

90 Points – '21 Wilfred Wong

90 Points – Best Buy - '21 Wine Enthusiast



2021 Sauvignon Blanc Alder Grove, Dry Creek Valley

Alder Grove provides shaded habitat for spawning fish and the trees' roots nourish the soil where the grapes for this Sauvignon Blanc grow. The label features an alder catskin, the tree's flower that blossoms at nearly the same time as the grape berries form.

75.5% Sauvignon Blanc, 24.5% Semillon from 87% Wine Creek Ranch, Quiviras home vineyard.

The wine has a delicate pale straw color which shimmers brightly in the glass. The nose has classic Sauvignon Blanc notes of lime, lemon, and grass but they are quickly replaced by star jasmine, orange rind and grapefruit. In the mouth it is both tart and rich at the same time. Think lemon meringue pie with a touch of ginger in the crust. A perfect pairing with arugula salad or yellowtail sushi with avocado.

92 Points - James Suckling - *“Fresh and crunchy with white nectarines, sliced pears, jasmine and crushed stones. Juicy and tense with medium body and bright acidity. Crisp and lightly phenolic finish.”*



2019 Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley

94% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah. Our Dry Creek Zinfandel captures everything we have learned farming our estate for more than four decades, and all that we love in a plush, balanced, savory wine. This wine showcases Zinfandel's allure, complexity, and incredible versatility. Phased picking is a signature practice so that we capture a broad scope of flavors at different maturity levels, in this case between 23 to 26 Brix in terms of sugar. The lower sugar levels bring in red fruit flavors alongside notes of black pepper with crisp acid and lower alcohol, while the higher sugar levels highlight deeper dark fruit notes like boysenberry and blackberry. Other varietals punctuate our flavor "spice box". After hand-sorting, and gently destemming, a 3-5 day cold soak precedes fermentation in open and closed-top tanks, each chosen to suit the individual lot's profile. Malolactic fermentation (ML) occurred in barrels. Barrel aging occurred in a mix of French, Hungarian, and American oak of different sizes, with 20% of the barrels new. Lots were then selected for the final blend during winter and early spring 2020.

Aromas of mulberry, blackberry, and mocha entrance you from the start. A solid mouthfeel, the fruit reaffirms itself with blackberry, boysenberry, and raspberry preserves. Spicy notes of clove, dried sage, black pepper, and fennel appear along with Black Forest cake and that "vin sauvage" we prize. Ten months of barrel aging in a mix of French, American, and Hungarian oak barrels add to the velvety finish of fine tannins.

91 Points – Wilfred Wong



2019 Zinfandel Anderson Ranch, Lytton Springs, Dry Creek Valley

Anderson Ranch is in the venerable Lytton Springs corridor near our Wine Creek Ranch home estate. It rests on elevated benchland and planted in well-drained sandy soils with perfectly matched clones delivering an elegant, refined Zinfandel - our Grand Cru.

Anderson Ranch's decomposed sandstone soils are lightly colored and textured nurturing an aromatic-driven expression with uncommon natural acidity. The 2018 vintage marks the beginning of the second decade of us producing this offering and we continue to be amazed by the fruit. This is one of two wines in our portfolio that is 100% Zinfandel; a testament to the site and its microclimate with warm to hot days and typically cold nights. Traditional Burgundian techniques utilizing open-top fermenters, cool-soaking, hand punch downs and basket pressing to fully express the terroir. In 2019 we punched down less frequently while fermenting slightly cooler, to better focus on extracting aroma and flavor while still retaining balanced color and tannin. The wine was then aged in a mix of French oak barrels, from small barriques to 900 gallon Foudres designed to optimize aroma retention and tannin development.

92 Points - Wine Enthusiast - *"All smoothness and drinkability, this wine is rich in raspberries, blackberries and dark plums backed by light tannins and a hint of acidity that keeps it fresh-tasting. Medium to full bodied, the wine will work in hundreds of food pairings due to great balance."*



2019 Black Boar Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley

A dual-vineyard estate wine based on the rich, opulent fruit from the dynamic duo of Anderson Ranch and Wine Creek Ranch. The wine's name was inspired by the wild boars that are apt to roam our hillside vineyards who simply can't resist our tasty fruit. They are wild and savage like our impeccable, bold Zinfandel.

The nose is full of dried leaves, forest floor and dark fruits of plum, current and blackberries. Medium bodied on the palate with powdery tannins and layers upon layers of intertwining flavors. A feminine and juicy example of Black Boar with brighter notes in the mouth. Blueberries, fresh strawberries, and a hint of caramel. Dark Chocolate and cocoa powder weave their way through along with a touch of toasted coconut. The finish is long with a hint of bitter herb to keep up with the hallmark Quivira acidity. Amazing with classic pairings of BBQ brisket, grilled meats, and wild game but light enough for salmon over mashed parsnips.

92 Points - Wine Enthusiast - *“Great concentration, succulent berry-fruit flavors and a firm, appetizing texture make this wine well-balanced and palate-pleasing”*

90 Points - Wine Spectator - *“Gutsy and zesty, with dark blackberry, espresso and licorice flavors that build brooding tension toward zesty tannins.”*