



2015 DEFIANT

This distinctive blend is tribute to the history and strength of the Seghesio Family. At the winery's centennial celebration in 1995, wine industry icon Mario Perelli-Minetti toasted founding matriarch, Angela Seghesio, and the "defiant" attitude with which she faced the industry's challenges. With the Seghesio family's conviction and determination, the winery survived prohibition and has been making wine continuously since 1895.



FOOD AFFINITIES

Lamb, game, stews, marinara sauce, polenta, mushroom and truffle pasta and hard, aged cheeses

TASTING NOTES

Dark, savory and bold

Aromas of youthful blackberry, mocha and spice

Dense, ripe flavors of black fruits, pepper and savory notes on the palate

Soft tannins and a long, expansive finish

VINEYARDS

A collection of vines from Seghesio Family Vineyards Estate properties and long-term growers.

VINTAGE

2015 was one of the earliest harvests on record in Sonoma County. Although the summer was generally mild, spring's dry warm weather accelerated vine development, ultimately producing smaller berries and concentrated flavors. Sustained warm weather coupled with depleted water reserves culminated with a furiously paced compact harvest that was completed before the end of September, producing a vintage of exceptional quality.

VINEYARD REGIMEN

Our crews walk the vineyards with willow switches, tipping the canes to drive lateral growth into the vine's crown to provide shade when the canes droop late in the season. A green harvest and a post-suckering veraison thin are performed. Just prior to harvest, a touch-up pass ensures a harvest of evenly ripened fruit.

FERMENTATION REGIMEN

100% small lot, open-top fermentors with punch-down maceration by hand; 8-14 day maceration, varying by lot.

HAND-HARVESTED

Aug. 28 - Sept. 19, 2015

AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST

26.1°

BARREL REGIMEN

Barrel aged 10 months in 25% new French and American oak and 75% neutral French and American oak

CASE PRODUCTION

5,000

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

43% Zinfandel, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Alicante, 9% Barbera, 8% Syrah

ALCOHOL

14.9%

RELEASE DATE

September 2016

PRICE

\$38

