

SINCE 1895
SEGHEGIO
Family Vineyards

2016 DEFIANT
SONOMA COUNTY

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.

VINEYARDS

A collection of vines from Seghesio Family Vineyards Estate properties and growers with whom we have relationships going back at least 50 years. All of the grapes in this blend have a place in the last 150 years of Sonoma County's history.

VINTAGE

2016 harvest began early and went by quickly. 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.

WINEMAKING

Our crews walk the vineyards with willow switches, tipping the canes to encourage growth that provides shade when the canes droop late in the season. Just prior to harvest, a touch-up pass ensures a harvest of evenly ripened fruit. The wine is then fermented 100% in small lot, open-top fermentors with manual punch-downs during an 8-14 day maceration period that varies by lot.



SIP & SAVOR

Violets, elderberry and baking spices provide a warm welcome and guide you through a more diverse and complex mid-palate. A finish filled with brambly blackberries subtly reveals an exotic undertone of licorice and cocoa. Braised short ribs or Beef Bourguignon would be a perfect match for this bold wine. Aged goat cheeses would be a delightful match.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

44% Zinfandel, 29% Cab Sauv, 13% Syrah, 10% Petite Sirah, 4% Alicante

HARVEST

September 2016

AGING

Aged 15 months in 25% New French and American Oak Barrels, 75% Neutral French and American Oak Barrels. Racked 2 times prior to blending and bottling.

ALCOHOL

15.0%

PRODUCTION

7136 cases

RELEASE DATE

March 2019

PEAK ENJOYMENT

3-5 years

PRICE

\$30

