

# 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.





## 2021 Sauvignon Blanc Sonoma County

96% Sauvignon Blanc, 4% Semillon. 13% 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. In 2021, due to the low yields, a very high percentage of the fermentations actually finished in barrel, which added uncommon complexity and depth, along with a slightly richer, rounder mid-palate. A small inclusion of Semillon (4%) was used as a final finishing touch for overall wine balance.

**91 Points – 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 – Wilfred Wong**

**90 Points – Wine Enthusiast**



## 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**

**90 Points – Decanter**

**90 Points – Wine Spectator**