QUIVIRA

Year Founded: **1981**

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

Owners: **Pete & Terri Kight**

Winemaker: **Aaron Piotter**

Known For: **Quivira Vineyards is a leading producer of Zinfandel, Sauvignon Blanc and Rhône varieties, with a reputation for intentional winegrowing 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 winegrowing 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.



2023 Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County

99% Sauvignon Blanc, 1% Semillon. 6-7 months in French oak and Acacia barrels, 10% new, 35% stainless steel.

91 Points – Wine Enthusiast – *"Aromas of fresh lime, gooseberry and hay waft on the nose of this classic cool climate-style Sauvignon Blanc. The palate is energetically acidic and softly textured, with waves of lemon, lime and rocky minerality before feathering into a beautifully floral finale."*



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."*



2022 Zinfandel Sonoma County

Low Winter rainfall was followed by ideal Spring and Summer temperatures. As harvest approached, it arrived in a hurry as a Labor Day weekend heat wave sent harvest into top gear. Flavors were ripe, acids plentiful and tannins copious. Thankfully, our cool, corner pocket of Dry Creek Valley where we reside, weathered the heat well and harvest was long and measured with patience being rewarded. 88% Zinfandel, 12% Petit Syrah.
10-12 months in French, Hungarian, and American oak.

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.

92 Points – Wine Spectator – "*Sleek and lively, with elegantly structured flavors of raspberry and cherry highlighted by sage and pepper."*



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 Ranchs 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."*



2021/2022 Black Boar Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley

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 sauvage like our impeccable, bold Zinfandel. 92% Zinfandel, 8% Petite Sirah. 18 months, 25% new French and American oak.

92 Points – '20 James Suckling – "*Aromas of black cherries and wild berries with fresh flowers and red licorice undertones. Medium- to full-bodied with creamy tannins. Juicy and sleek with a flavorful, fruity finish."*