

ZD WINES

In 1968, Norman deLeuze and Gino Zepponi pooled their resources of \$3,000 apiece and applied for a winery permit. Producing world-class wines was the vision of these two former aerospace engineers who, in pursuit of their dream, launched ZD Wines. Their plan was to produce wines similar to those from the renowned Burgundy region of France using Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, at a time when there had not been a winery permit issued in Sonoma County in nearly 20 years.



In the 1970's and 80's, Norman deLeuze paved the way for sustainable and organic farming in California's cooler climates. After his passing a few years back, the family continues to produce wines with his personal, hands-on approach. Over the years, all of Norman and Rosa Lee's children - Robert, Julie and Brett - have joined the winery staff. The family is now on its 4th generation to contribute their time and skills to the winery.

Robert's involvement began the day his father formed the winery and began crushing wine grapes. From the time he was 11 years old, Robert was never far behind Norman. In 1983, after years of practical experience and studying viticulture and enology at UC Davis, Robert became winemaker. The success of ZD Wines can only be attributed to the dedication and winemaking philosophy of the deLeuze family. As ZD Wines moves forward, the family continues to grow. In 1996 the deLeuze family purchased an historical, 33-acre vineyard in Carneros. Formerly owned by Irish immigrant Patrick Flanagan, the property is planted with 26 acres of Chardonnay. Another seven acres was planted with Pinot Noir which produced its first vintage in 1999. As the winery continues to grow, so does the vision of ZD Wines.

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Varietal/Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Farming: sustainable and organic

Soil: varied

Ave Year Vines Planted: before 1995

Yeast: cultured

Fermentation: open-top fermenters / punchdowns every 8 hours / blended from best lots of the vintage

Aging: 34 month barrel aging in American Oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

Fined: none

Filtered: light

Production #s: 880 cases

"The 45th Anniversary 2013 vintage marked an important milestone for ZD Wine's Cabernet program. This is the first ZD Cabernet Sauvignon to be made exclusively from organically certified vineyards. It represents the culmination of many years of hard work and a commitment to finding growing partners who share our enthusiasm for organic farming. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend from several of our best Napa Valley sites, including our own ZD Rutherford Estate Vineyard, which has been farmed organically since the early 1980's." Winemaker's Notes

Country: United States

Region: California

Sub Region: Napa

Vineyard: ZD's Rutherford Estate Vineyard and other sites