

breaking bread



2023 Al Dente Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Varietal:	Mourvèdre
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Harvest:	October 2023
Fermentation:	100% barrel fermented in neutral French Oak
Alcohol:	11.9%

Winemaker Notes:

"To the tooth," Al Dente describes the ideal consistency of something when cooked. We believe Breaking Bread's Al Dente is the perfect light and bright red wine to pair with the food being served in today's best restaurants or by itself on a summer afternoon.

We made this wine differently than our other Breaking Bread reds. While we are no strangers to carbonic maceration, this is the first red wine that is fermented 100% whole cluster. Our other reds are primarily whole cluster but with some foot treading to help release more color and tannins into the juice, which combined with longer time in barrel, makes those wines more ageable.

With Al Dente, we were looking for a style that is delicate enough to pair with lighter cuisines – from seafood to vegetarian to the ever-popular farm-to-table – without overpowering the nuances those types of dishes offer. Coming in at 11.9% alcohol, this wine is surprisingly complex. It sees three months in neutral French Oak barrels and goes through full malolactic fermentation.

Vineyard Description:

The Mourvèdre comes from two clones planted in a 4-acre block of our 16-acre organic estate Mizany Vineyard, which is situated in the famous Cortina Gravel of Dry Creek Valley and named after my father-in-law.