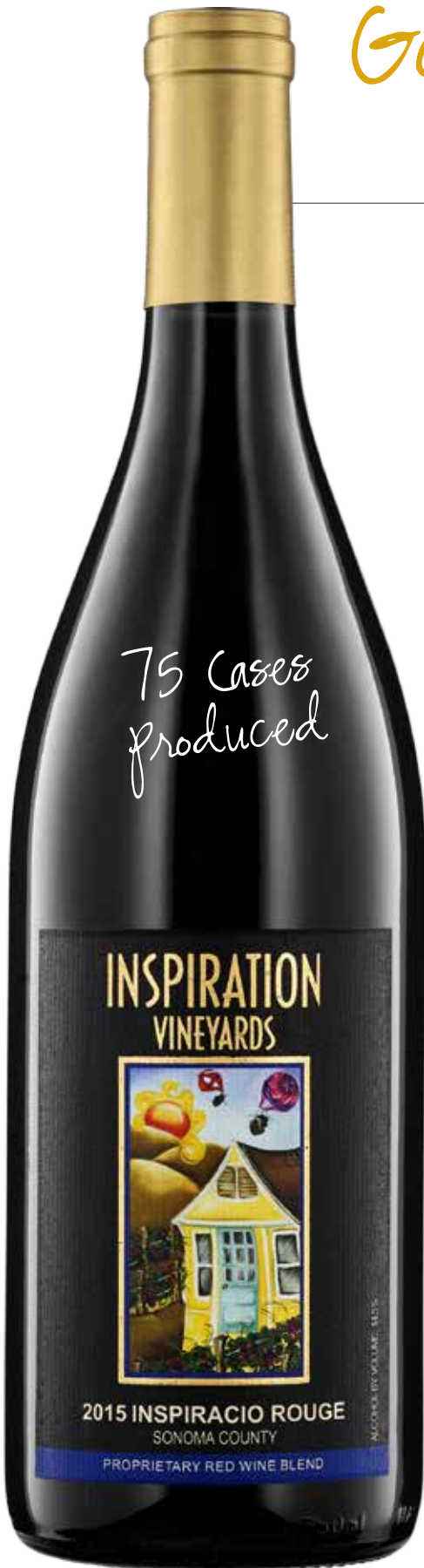




Gold Plus!

# INSPIRATION VINEYARDS 2015 'INSPIRACIO' ROUGE

Sonoma County



Located on six acres in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley appellation, Inspiration Vineyards has produced small-lot wines since 1999 with the ultimate goal of crafting high quality, food-friendly offerings using the finest grapes grown in Sonoma County. The winery is a dream come true for owner and winemaker Jon Phillips, whose fascination with wine began many years ago while studying in college - today his efforts have been greatly rewarded with several prestigious medals and awards for his limited production wines.

Jon's deeply rooted passion for wine officially began while working in the tasting room of Mirassou Winery (San Jose) in the mid 1980's, while earning his college degree in Marketing - however, it's possible that wine is in his blood too (Jon's great grandparents owned and farmed vineyards in San Martin, California in the early 1900's). After his time at Mirassou, Jon went on to teach wine appreciation classes on the San Francisco Peninsula and also took winemaking classes at nearby UC Davis. In 1999, he finally produced his first wine, one barrel of Zinfandel using grapes purchased from Rosenblum Cellars.

Jon operated his 'winery' out of his home's garage and initially only made wine for family and friends, but as his production expanded and medals started validating his winemaking efforts, it became clear that he needed a larger facility that could be bonded and licensed as a commercial winery. In 2001, Jon followed his dreams and bought six acres of vineyard property in Sonoma County. The vineyard was nestled in the prestigious Russian River Valley appellation and included Chardonnay and Old Vine Zinfandel grapes. 2002 marked the first commercial vintage for Inspiration Vineyards, with a release of just 500 cases.

In 2009, Jon expanded the winery operation further by moving the winemaking facility and tasting room to a larger space near downtown Santa Rosa. Here, he also offers winemaking services to about a dozen other clients and pours his Inspiration Vineyards wines alongside several other well known boutique wineries. His total production still remains around 500 cases per year, making his winery operation truly tiny and artisan in style. All of the fruit for Inspiration Vineyards wines is sourced from Jon's estate vineyard and well known properties from throughout Sonoma County. We are happy to introduce this producer to our *Gold Plus!* Wine Club members. Cheers!

Accolades and Tasting Notes

## Gold Medal Special Selection

The *Inspiration* for this wine comes from Jon's love of red wine blends from the Rhone Valley in France - blends that include a smorgasbord of varieties and are among the best food-friendly wines in the world. The composition of the Inspiracio Rouge blend changes each year, making each vintage unique and special. This 2015 bottling is rich with nice viscosity and notes of raspberry, coffee, cedar and spice. 47% Zinfandel, 46% Syrah, 7% Tempranillo. Aged in oak. Enjoy now until 2025.

### Gold Medal Membership Rewards Pricing\*

Membership Level	Retail Price at Winery	Number of Bottles Ordered:		
		2+	6+	12+
2-Btl. Members:	<del>\$29.00</del>	\$22.00	\$20.33	\$19.50
4-Btl. Members:		\$22.00	\$19.50	\$18.25



**YOU SAVE 24%-37% off the winery retail price!**

\*Effective per bottle prices after **Membership Rewards** discount is applied at checkout.

Shipping and tax (if applicable) not included in above prices. **Membership Rewards** does not apply to Sale or Specials Wines.