

# 2012 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The revered Bacigalupi Vineyard produces an archetypal Zinfandel from the Russian River Valley. On the nose, boysenberry and blackberry notes intermingle with star anise and allspice notes. In the mouth, the flavors explode with a rich gamut of red and black fruits. The acidity is refreshing and gives focus to this incredibly rich Zinfandel.

### THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this wine come from a small block of old vine Zinfandel in the Russian River Valley. The Bacigalupi Zinfandel Vineyard is less than 2 acres of 90+ year-old head pruned vines, which naturally yield low tonnage that produces very concentrated wines.

## HARVEST 2012

Simply put, the 2012 vintage was amazing in many respects. After the cool growing seasons of 2010 and 2011, which resulted in excellent quality but very low yields, Mother Nature was smiling on us in 2012 with superb growing conditions for a bountiful harvest. The exceptional weather during the spring allowed for moderate vegetative growth, superb flowering conditions and an above average fruit set — berries and clusters sized up beyond original expectations. 2012 was a vintage where ripe mature stems, seeds and skin tannins were achieved with harmoniously balanced natural acidity. Enveloped with pure intense aromas, juicy flavors and rich textures, these structured wines are clearly the result of a truly extraordinary vintage. A vintage like this, where everything comes together perfectly, is rare and will certainly be a vintage to enjoy for many years to come!

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Barrel Description: 25% new, 35% 2 year, 40% 3+ years

Barrel Aged: 13 months

pH: 3.55

TA: 0.64g/100mL

Alc: 14.8%

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