

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2012 Papera Vineyard Zinfandel

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2012 vintage was spectacular for growing Zinfandel in the Russian River Valley and this brooding wine is a wonderful example. Expansive aromas of wild raspberries, blackberry jam, fresh peppercorns and sassafras fill the glass. Ripe, wild berry flavors along with exotic spices, espresso, fresh figs and toasty oak are interrupted by expansive tannins and juicy mouthwatering acidity. The vineyard was planted in 1934 by Carlo Papera and is over 95% Zinfandel, but our section includes some Carignane, Syrah, Alicante, Valdiguie and Petite Sirah. A truly remarkable Zinfandel that is enjoyable now or can be cellared for several more years.

### THE VINEYARD

Papera is an old-vine Zinfandel vineyard, located on the eastern side of the Laguna de Santa Rosa in the Russian River appellation. Planted in 1934, the vines are head-trained and primarily dry farmed.

### 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: 30% new, 25% 1 year old, 45% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 13 months

pH: 3.46

TA: 0.67g/100ml

Alc: 14.7%

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