

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2017 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER NOTES

Boysenberry and black fruits mix with notes of clove and cinnamon. Aromas of purple flowers mix with a complex array of citrus and wood spices that add layer upon layer on the nose. The palate offers wonderful juicy flavors of raspberry, plum, and a gamut of black fruits. Round and silky on the palate, the Bacigalupi Zinfandel always offers an open-knit architecture that is easy to love. The sneaky tannic structure adds depth all the way to the elegant, loamy finish.

THE VINEYARD

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

HARVEST 2017

It was an auspicious start to the 2017 growing season with steady rain followed by dry spells which allowed for the soil profile to fill up progressively. The waterworks kicked into high gear in January and as the soil dried up, temperatures moderated, and bud break ensued by mid-March. Steady rain through the vegetative cycle was balanced with days of brilliant sunshine which helped to grow green, healthy plants. The weather was very fine in May for the flowering period and ideal for the fruit set. As the season progressed, there were periods of heat that occurred with some regularity. With plenty of water in the soil profile, the plants did not stress too much and physiological maturity continued at an accelerated pace. In 2017, the harvest timeframe was compressed and many of the vineyards were ready in a short period of time. The process was nearly complete by the time the intense Labor Day heat wave hit and, thankfully, had concluded before the devastating wildfires in October. The resulting wines show a refinement to the tannin structure which will allow for early consumption but will age gracefully with mid-term cellaring. Through and through, 2017 is an excellent vintage.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 33% new, 25% 1 yr., 17% 2 yr., 25% 3+ yrs.

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.29

TA: 0.79g/100mL

Alc: 15.1%

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