

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2020 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Notes of boysenberry, blackberry, and pomegranate jump out of the glass in this classic Bacigalupi Zinfandel. Located on Westside Road, the vineyard enjoys the perfect confluence of moderate climate and rich soil that allows for a long hangtime, resulting in terrific, layered wines. The nose is further complexed with baking spices and anise, adding interest and intrigue. The palate is soft and supple, with a refined texture and an underlying richness. The acidity is seamlessly woven into the architecture of this wine and further adds to its grace and elegance.

### 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 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test result for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 30% new, 20% 1 yr., 30% 2 yr., 20% 3+ yrs.

Barrel Aged: 14 months

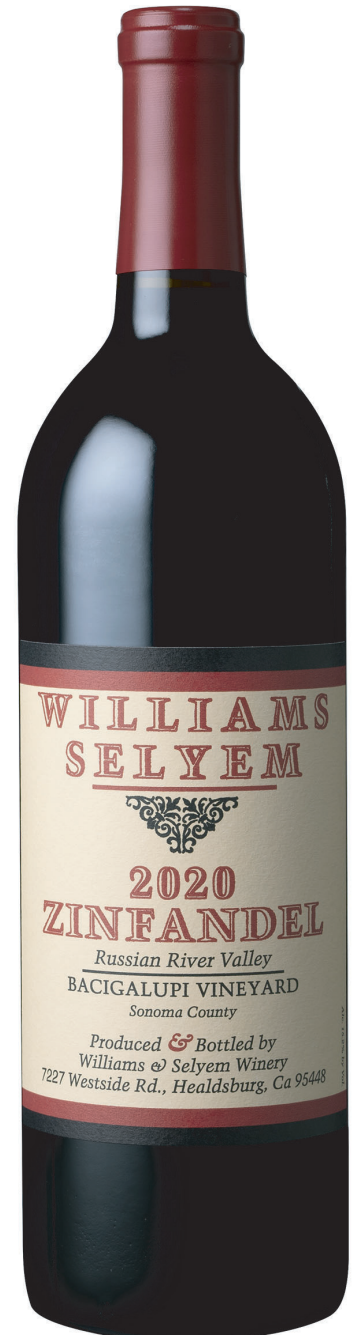
pH: 3.31

TA: 0.68g/100mL

Alc: 15.2%

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