

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2021 Fanucchi-Wood Road Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Perfumed with sun-ripened red and black fruits, the Fanucchi-Wood Road Zinfandel is a classic. Hints of peach cobbler are layered into the beautiful aromatics that add an interesting counterpoint along with notes of anise and fennel. Juicy and focused, the wine unravels on the palate with terrific tannin structure and a rich mouthfeel. These old vines are unmatched in their ability to produce a wine with both grace and power.

THE VINEYARD

Planted in 1890, this organically grown, dry-farmed vineyard is located near the town of Fulton in the Russian River Valley. The vineyard is mostly Zinfandel, but is also interplanted with a small percentage of Alicante Bouchet and Petite Sirah.

HARVEST 2021

The 2021 growing season experienced only about 14 inches of rain, challenging the plants from the outset of the year. Late winter and early spring were cold and dry, bringing some uneven growth and stress to the plants. The canopies were a little smaller than average going into the flowering, however the weather was ideal and mild. Flowering determines quality and quantity, so it is the most important time. The 2021 season yielded an average to slightly below average crop size with outstanding quality. Largely, the growing season saw mild temperatures but with several scattered heat events. 2021 thankfully saw the return of the fog, which saved the vintage by keeping the nighttime temperatures cool, refreshing the plants, and keeping them hydrated under severe conditions. Due to the changing climate, fog intrusion has been minimal the last few vintages. The 2021 season finished up around the historical average for temperatures. Despite the inauspicious start to the year, the wines showcase terrific verve, character, and site specificity.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 29% new, 29% 1 yr., 14% 2 yr., 28% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 13 months

pH: 3.51

TA: 0.65g/100mL

Alc: 15.2%

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