

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2021 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Perfumed with red, blue, and black fruits, this site showcases the best of zinfandel from Westside Road and the Russian River Valley. While these old vines date back 100 years, they are still in their prime. Hints of five-spice add an intriguing, complementary aroma to the wine. Boysenberry flavors predominate, but red fruits are discernible along with blueberry and citrus. Lively and vibrant, the freshness is compelling. Coupled with the gentle techniques we employ at Williams Selyem, the balance is impeccable.

### 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 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: 31% new, 23% 1 yr., 31% 2 yr., 15% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 14 months

pH: 3.37

TA: 0.67g/100mL

Alc: 14.9%

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