



2023 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Highly aromatic notes of mulberry, plum, and loganberry combine with subtle cracked pepper. Accents of summer ripe red fruit shine through to offer some levity to the brooding nature of this wine. Tangy and refreshing on the palate, it showcases the beauty of Russian River Valley Zinfandel at its best with warm days and cool nights to preserve the freshness. Layered and complex, on the palate the tannins are well managed to offer firmness in the middle palate while finishing with finesse.

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 2023

We experienced a welcome sense of normality in 2023, after tumultuous weather patterns during previous growing seasons, including drought conditions, heat events, and hail. This vintage began auspiciously with historical average rainfall and modest temperatures at the start of bud break. Ample sunshine and early heat resulted in even growth of the canopies, creating uniformity and balance as the vines entered the flowering cycle. While it was similarly cool at the outset of 2011, the 2023 heat units built slowly, and the weather was ideal by May. The flowering period was quick, and the fruit set bountiful. The weather was perfect in June and July, with a few heat spikes that kept the plants healthy and sustained. Mid-season crop adjustments were necessary to ensure good vine balance as veraison approached. With the cooler start to the vintage and the normal fog pattern of August, the ripening cycle slowed, and the crop achieved ideal hang time for tannin development at modest sugars. Across the board, the wines exhibit terrific purity of character with excellent tannin resolution. While hot and dry years can create wines of shocking intensity, these cooler vintages showcase the elegant style of Williams Selyem.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 24% new, 23% 1yr., 15% 2 yr., 38% 3+ yr.
Barrel Aged: 13 months
pH: 3.43
TA: 0.65g/100mL
Alc: 14.9%
Released 2025

