



2023 Carlisle Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

In our pursuit of presenting new and exciting wines, we are pleased to introduce this Zinfandel from the Carlisle Vineyard. Planted predominantly to Zinfandel, this is a true field blend with many other mixed black varieties interspersed. All harvested at once, the complexity is compelling. The nose leads with hints of mountain blueberry and a mixture of red and black fruits. Hints of anise and five-spice give an ethereal perfume. Wonderful fruit on the entry is perfectly balanced with wood spices and framed with mouth-watering acidity and tannins. Poised and elegant, this is old vine Zinfandel at its best.

THE VINEYARD

Carlisle Vineyard is situated in the heart of old vine Zinfandel country in the Russian River Valley, off Willowside Road, near Papera Vineyard and our Saitone Estate.

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: 25% new, 25% 1yr., 25% 2 yr., 25% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 13 months

pH: 3.37

TA: 0.67g/100mL

Alc: 15.0%

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