

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2024 Belloni Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

A terrific second vintage of this old vine vineyard on the outskirts of Fulton. This true field blend is mostly Zinfandel, but Alicante Bouchet, Carignan, and Petite Sirah are also planted in the vineyard. Deep and brooding in color, the wine delights the senses with red, blue, and black fruit character. Potpourri with dried citrus and savory notes add a compelling depth to the nose. Rich and round on the entry, the wine expands on the palate with dark fruits predominating. Bittersweet chocolate and earthiness add to this wonderfully textured wine.

THE VINEYARD

Situated in a prime location on Wood Road in the town of Fulton, Belloni is among the great old vineyards in Sonoma County, with vines planted around 1900.

HARVEST 2024

The 2024 growing season had an auspicious start with above average rain totals of nearly 36 inches on Westside Road. Early spring was cool and mild with few frost events, and bud-break started on average. With ample moisture in the soil, shoot growth was even with excellent vigor and balance. Cool weather prevailed and flowering was delayed until late May with excellent fruit set and a bountiful crop. As the season progressed, heat units built up and culminated in early July with temperatures of 103°F for several days, one of the warmest early summer periods in the last 15 years. Developing fruit can be very sensitive to heat, so shade cloth was used where possible to shield the grapes from excess heat damage. Critical thinning passes were made throughout the rest of the season to eliminate damaged fruit, avoiding the early season heat effect of anthocyanin degradation and uneven tannin development. Despite the challenges of the season, this vintage was a huge success due to proper thinning and the gentle extraction techniques built into the Williams Selyem methodology. These wines represent both place and vintage, and with patience will fully express themselves.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 33% new, 33% 1 yr., 34% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 14 months

pH: 3.49

TA: 0.64g/100mL

Alc: 14.8%

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