

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2024 Fanucchi Wood Road Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Rich and exotic on the nose, this historic old vine vineyard is one of the oldest in Sonoma County. Boysenberry and blackberry notes are complemented by a surprising top note of apricot. The wine saturates the palate with blackberry compote and mountain blueberry flavors. The sheer density of this wine hides the powerful tannins while the acidity keeps harmony on the palate. Always a showstopping wine that is delicious today and can keep in the cellar.

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 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: 40% new, 40% 1 yr., 20% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 14 months

pH: 3.52

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 14.6%

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