

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2024 Papera Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

A classic vineyard in the Piner-Olivet region of the Russian River Valley, Papera showcases red fruits with an underlying brambly, black fruit character. Hints of wood spices and anise complement the terrific aromatics. Refreshing on the palate, the wine showcases depth and brilliant acidity that keeps the wine balanced and lithe. Hints of grapefruit, anise and wood spices round out this classy Zinfandel.

THE VINEYARD

Papera is an old vine Zinfandel vineyard, located on the eastern side of the Laguna de Santa Rosa in the Russian River Valley appellation. Planted in 1934, the vines are head-trained and primarily dry farmed.

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: 23% new, 23% 1 yr., 18% 2 yr., 36% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 14 months

pH: 3.39

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 14.8%

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