

*Our Sonoma Zinfandel represents our ideal expression of Sonoma County Zinfandel in any given vintage. Crafted from an average selection of more than 150 individual lots that are harvested from vineyards across Sonoma County, fermented separately and masterfully blended, our Sonoma Zinfandel is bright, richly fruited, bold, and always balanced.*

#### VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season began with significantly below average winter rainfall totals which led directly into a prolonged frost season lasting late into April. Seghesio vineyards escaped mostly unscathed and launched into a slight cooling trend for May and June. This put the growing schedule closer to average helping to push back our veraison timing and projected harvest dates. July and August warmed up significantly and some vineyards sustained some sunburn due to exposure. This was just a preamble! Harvest commenced in late August and Labor Day Week witnessed record shattering high temperatures in excess of 118° F in Northern Alexander Valley while still reaching 115° in Santa Rosa High Plains. These scorching temperatures pushed ripening and increased stress on vineyards leading to one of the fastest harvests on record for Seghesio Family Vineyards. The grapes were hand-harvested August 31 - October 20th 2022

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Aggressive hand canopy management was maintained throughout the season. Yield management techniques were sparingly employed, as crop yields appeared notably reduced reflecting the low winter rainfall totals. Balanced vines produced intensely aromatic and concentrated fruit for use in our blend, reflecting the various regions of Sonoma County where each parcel was grown. The blend is comprised of vineyards ranging from Sonoma Valley, Russian River Valley, Alexander Valley and Dry Creek and are 55% estate grown and 45% purchased from long-standing grower relationships.

The grapes were hand harvested in small lots resulting in over 150 different small fermentations, allowing each vineyard block to express its individual characteristics. We utilize various maceration techniques including pumpovers, delestage, punchdown and rotary fermentation tanks chosen to accentuate the attributes of each vineyard. New wines fermented on the skins from 7 to 12 days before being settled to remove solids quickly and transferred to barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. Aged for 10 months in 7% New American oak, and 93% neutral French and American oak barrels. Racked once upon completion of malolactic fermentation and once to blend and bottle.

#### SIP & SAVOR

This Zinfandel captivates with a complex fusion of blackberry, black currant, plum, cherry, and baking spice aromas. Its lively palate showcases succulent fruit interwoven with supple tannins, persisting from mid-palate to a gratifying finish. Its intricate depth perfectly complements indulgent dishes like hearty short ribs, velvety pork belly, or luxurious gnocchi gorgonzola, enhancing the dining experience with robust yet nuanced harmony.

#### ANALYSIS

**VARIETAL** 88% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah, 1% Alicante Bouschet, 6% Mixed Reds

**ALCOHOL** 15%      **PH** 3.78      **TA** 5.7 grams/liter



#### KEY FACTS

- Our introduction to the Seghesio style of Zinfandel, defined by our commitment to making wines of purity and balance with a focus on quality and substance.
- 55% of fruit is sourced from certified sustainable estate vineyards and the remaining 45% is sourced from growers with whom we have longstanding relationships.
- Over 15 90+ point scores from Wine Spectator since 2009v