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SEGHE SIO
 FAMILY VINEYARDS

2022 KEYHOLE RANCH ZINFANDEL

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY — SONOMA COUNTY



Our Keyhole Ranch estate vineyard, previously a predominately white wine growing site, is now comfortably home to Zinfandel vines showcasing that Zinfandel can thrive and flourish in this unique microclimate, the Russian River Valley. The tempered, cool coastal breezes combined with frequent summer-morning fog create a wine with complex, spicy, vibrant blackberry and briary flavors.

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.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested by hand and sorted to ensure uniformly ripened fruit is delivered to the winery. After being lightly crushed they were fermented in small open-top stainless-steel tanks and mixed using pneumatic punch down devices to facilitate extraction and pumped over to allow for gentle aeration. Free-run wine is drained to barrel after 8 to 12 days on skins and allowed to complete alcoholic fermentation and undergo malolactic conversion. The wines are allowed to evolve for 10 months in barrel prior to blending and returned to barrel to integrate for 5 more months prior to bottling. Aged 15 months in 12% New French Oak; 20% Francois Frere. The grapes were hand-harvested between September 10th - October 4th, 2022.

ANALYSIS

VARIETAL	PH	TA	ALCOHOL	CASES
100% Zinfandel	3.54	6.3 grams/liter	15.5%	1,168

SIP & SAVOR

Our Keyhole Ranch estate vineyard in Russian River Valley boasts a unique microclimate that is tempered by the cool climate. Its aroma of vanilla, plum, baking spice, and heather offers a complex and layered experience. On the palate, briary red raspberry flavors add to the wine's juicy, supple, and vibrant character. The wine's rich profile includes the same flavors found on the nose, making it a well-crafted and complex wine that pairs perfectly with hearty dishes from grilled leg of lamb to cannellini bean cassoulet with fennel sausage, pancetta, and smoked pork shanks