



2022 *Wild Thing*® Old Vine Zinfandel

Mendocino County

Overview

Old Vine Mendocino Zinfandel is a treasure. Grown on the benchlands and slopes of mountainsides — this 68+ year old vine Zinfandel was named for these wild- looking vines and also for the uninoculated, or “wild,” yeast ferment that was used to create it. It takes a lot of effort to tame this wild fruit, but it is worth all the trouble. Wild Thing is dangerously good! Remember – you are what you drink

Cellar Notes

As usual, our Wild Thing Zinfandel went through fermentation uninoculated, relying on a healthy WILD yeast population from the organic vineyard to create a terroir-driven complexity of aroma and flavors. Our wild fermentation started after a 3-day cold soak and was followed by a 20-25-day maceration. The must was déléstaged (pronounced 'del-ess-TAHJd) at least two times prior to the wine reaching 12-15°Brix. That is the fancy, French term for a rack and return—a process that aerates the wine, helps to maintain a healthy yeast population, and builds mouthfeel volume with gentle extraction from the skins.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Aromas of black cherry, ripe plum and raspberry fruit combine with a hint of cigar box, and vanilla-oak baking spice loveliness. Smoothly textured in mouth, and the palate is very creamy and round, with a finish that is long with lush jammy fruit.

Harvest Dates: September 14 and October 5, 10-19, 2022

Brix at Harvest: 26.0°Brix (average)---0.60 TA/3.54 pH

Cellar Aging: 12 months in oak barrels—10% new and 1-yr-old American, 90% 2-yr-old and older (13% French and 87% American).

Alcohol: 14.25%

Total Acidity: 0.65 **pH:** 3.65

Varietal Composition: 76% Old Vine Zinfandel,
14% Old Vine Carignane, 10% Petite Sirah

***** Sustainably Farmed and Organically Grown**

*****THIS IS THE 4th VINTAGE WITH “ORGANIC GRAPES” ON THE BACK LABEL!**

Appellation : 85% Mendocino County, 10% Sonoma County, 5% Contra Costa Co.

Case Production: 9509 cases (all 750ml—no 375ml this year)

Bottling Date: February 1-2, 2024

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