



2023 VOGENSEN RANCH ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

Rising up to 800 feet off the valley floor, Vogensen Ranch is located on the back of Bradford Mountain and is one of the more extreme growing sites in all of Dry Creek Valley. We have isolated a steeply sloped, well-draining area of the vineyard called “Barn Block” to create this bottling for our single-vineyard series. The undulating nature of the terrain and east-facing sun exposure provide grapes that are beautifully ripened and lead to a wine that is silky, textured and well-balanced.

GROWING SEASON

In 2023, a wet winter and cooler spring delayed bud break and ripening compared to recent years. These conditions, combined with mild temperatures in summer and a lack of heat spikes, resulted in one of the latest starts to harvest — as well as one of the longest harvests — we have seen in quite some time. Most vineyards were harvested 14–22 days later than in 2022. The weather was ideal for gradual ripening; it was pleasantly warm and sunny throughout harvest, with minor rain that did not impact the vineyards. The grapes had extended hang time, and we were able to pick each block at an optimal level of ripeness. The berries were fully developed, concentrated, flavorful and balanced with bright acidity.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2023 Vogensen Ranch Zinfandel opens with aromas of blueberry, spiced plum, blackberry and black cherry, accented by notes of caramel, milk chocolate and chaparral. The palate is rich and layered, showing red and black cherries, wild blackberry and boysenberry, framed by dusty minerality and hints of espresso, dark chocolate and chai spice. Full-bodied, with well-integrated oak, this wine offers depth, balance and a long, polished finish.

BLEND

83% Zinfandel
17% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

11–16 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

16 months in French & American oak;
34% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.8%

BRIX | 24.8

PH | 3.69

TA | 6.4 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 30–October 9, 2023

VINE AGE | 16–50 years

SOILS

Rocky, iron-rich

YIELDS

Less than 1 ton per acre

RELEASE DATE

October 2025