



2023 WALLACE RANCH ZINFANDEL

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

Our Wallace Ranch Zinfandel is a shining example of the preservation of iconic Old Vine Zinfandel. This incredible vineyard is on the home property of Proprietors Kim and Don Wallace and was the first to be planted using the Heritage Clone in 1994. To develop this clone, we grafted budwood from a pre-Prohibition vineyard onto phylloxera-resistant rootstock in our estate Wallace Ranch vineyard, forever preserving the heritage of the old vines and crafting a “young vine” wine with “old vine” characteristics.

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 Wallace Ranch Zinfandel opens with aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, blueberry and spiced plum, layered with hints of violet, clove and espresso. On the palate, dark berry flavors mingle with cranberry, black cherry and subtle notes of black tea, cinnamon and earth. Full yet elegant, this wine is well-structured with dark fruit carrying through a long, refined finish.

BLEND

95% Zinfandel
5% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

11–15 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

16 months in French, Hungarian and
American oak; 32% new oak

ALCOHOL | 13.7%

BRIX | 24.0

PH | 3.55

TA | 6.5 g/L

HARVEST DATES

October 5 – 12, 2023

VINE AGE | 29 years

SOILS

Yolo sandy loam

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre

RELEASE DATE

October 2025