

BALLETO

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2021 ZINFANDEL RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Each year, Balletto produces a distinctly bright and aromatic Zinfandel. It's a mixture of tangy red fruit, dried berries and a dark, rich component. Overall, the wine is distinct and delicious and makes a solid statement about Zinfandel that's grown in a cooler climate and made with the fine touch associated with Pinot Noir producers. The wine is rich with an integrated mid-palate weight that's balanced with crisp acidity on the front and fine, cocoa-like tannins on the finish. The resulting wine is complete and balanced with the vibrant aromatic profile melding nicely with the flavors and texture of the wine.



VINEYARDS & FARMING

The Zinfandel is grown exclusively on Balletto's BCD Vineyard, which is located on rolling hills that lead up to the coastal mountain range. Cold fog flows in from the nearby Pacific Ocean in the late evening and covers the vineyard until midmorning. Balletto Vineyards makes all of its wine from sustainably farmed estate vineyards located throughout the cool southern region of the Russian River Valley.

It is one of the few Russian River wineries to be 100% estate grown and estate bottled, and specializes in vineyard-designated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

Balletto is focused on finding that perfect middle ground for its Zinfandel, where the wine is bright and pretty, but also has the richness associated with bigger-styled Zins. It's tricky to achieve just enough weight without going over the top. Zinfandel is the only wine made at Balletto that is aged for 10 months in some American & French oak, which lends a wonderful spice and structure to the wine that perfectly matches the inherent profile of Zinfandel.

TECHNICAL DATA

AGING 10 MONTHS FRENCH/AMERICAN OAK (30% NEW)			PH 3.60
COMPOSITION 100% ZINFANDEL	ALC BY VOL 14.2%	TA 5.5 g/L	CASES 957