



2022 California ZINFANDEL

Introduced to California during the Gold Rush, Zinfandel is considered by many to be America's heritage grape. This Zinfandel is our tribute to California wine history; its fruit was sourced from premier vineyards, all located in the state's oldest and most revered wine regions and some of which are over 100 years old.

VINEYARDS

This wine comes from select vineyards in four top growing regions: Amador County (65%), El Dorado County (20%), Lake County (11%), and Napa County (4%).

WINEGROWING

An exceptionally dry and warmer than average start to the year ended with some spring rains and mild temperatures through the summer. This allowed for a long, even ripening period. Sustainable farming practices throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. Harvest was long, with ideal conditions allowing us to pick each block at its optimal ripeness and at night to preserve its natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. A cold soak extracted color and flavor before primary fermentation began in tank. The wine was gently basket-pressed and then racked to oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging.

TASTING NOTES

Boysenberry and bold black plum notes jump out of the glass, underscored by clove and vanilla. The dark berries continue on to the palate where they are joined by ripe fruit flavors of pomegranate and dragon fruit.

Light pepper and dried orange peel notes complement the fruit profiles while fine tannins and a pleasing acidity are found in each sip which ends with a lingering finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite pairings* for this wine include Italian Meatballs, Baby Back Ribs, and Fresh Berry Pie. **Recipes for pairing may be found on [Rombauer.com/recipes](https://rombauer.com/recipes).*

RELEASE DATE	October 2024
APPELLATION	California
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	92% Zinfandel 8% Petite Sirah
HARVESTED	Sept. 6th-Oct.11th, 2022
AVG BRIX AT HARVEST	27.8
COOPERAGE	15 months in American (10% new) and French oak
ALCOHOL	15.9%

