



ZINFANDEL
VELLUTINI RANCH VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
2022



2022 VINTAGE

94 points – Audrey Frick, Jeb Dunnuck

92 points – Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2021 VINTAGE

96 points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

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WINEMAKING DETAILS

Fermentation: 100% neutral French Oak; 100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily battonage

Oak: 40% new French Oak,
60% neutral French Oak, 11 months

Case Production: 289

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Franciscan

Rootstock: 420A

Clones: JAH, JAV

GROWING YEAR

The 2022 season started out with ideal conditions with early rains helping to push bud break into Spring. While we encountered instances of shatter (a grape berry fails to develop because of incomplete pollination) due to frost, this was limited to specific vineyards. Meticulous attention was given to addressing this issue, as we diligently assessed each block and thinned any clusters affected by shatter. Thankfully, the summer months offered the optimal combination of warm days and perfectly cool nights. However, Labor Day weekend launched what has been marked as one of the most heat-intensive 7-day periods on record for Sonoma County, resulting in a significant number of vineyards reaching their ripening stage simultaneously.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Vellutini Ranch is bordered on the east by Jackass Hill and on the south by Jackass Vineyard and was planted with bud wood from both of these vineyards. This seven-acre vineyard was planted in 1999 and is planted to both Zinfandel and Syrah grapes.

TASTING NOTES

Rich aromas of black cherry, sweet leather, and boysenberry pie are present in the nose. A well-composed entry with flavors of raspberry compote and integrated baking spices are present throughout the palate. Dark flesh plum flavor enhances the graceful, long finish.