



ZINFANDEL  
JACKASS VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
2023



**2022 VINTAGE**

*92 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous*

**2021 VINTAGE**

*98 points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate*

*96 points – Audrey Frick, Jeb Dunnuck*

**2020 VINTAGE**

*92 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous*

**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: 210

**VINEYARD DETAILS**

Soil Type: Gold Ridge, Franciscan

Fractured bed-rock, Clay Loam

Rootstock: St. George

**WINEMAKER**

Courtney Robinett Wagoner

**GROWING YEAR**

When we look back at the 2023 growing season there are two words that perfectly describe the vintage - late and big. After an exceptionally wet and cool winter, bud break happened over a month later than average. Our first day of picking was the day after the harvest completed the previous year. Fruit set was excellent and the temps during the summer were moderate to cool, with very few days in the triple digits. What a contrast from 2022! Mild temperatures along with abundantly available water allowed the clusters to develop slowly and evenly.

**VINEYARD CHARACTER**

This eight-acre vineyard was planted in the early 1880s, which makes it our oldest vineyard. These old, head pruned vines are farmed much the same way they were a century ago, without the use of trellising, irrigation, or pesticides. Common to this area, it has both Goldridge and Franciscan soil types.

**TASTING NOTES**

Complex aromas of blackberry, black tea, and fresh herbs greet the nose. The palate is vivid, with red plum and raspberry tart, followed by a structured mid-palate that leads to a dark chocolate and tea finish.