



2021 Holiday Reserve Zinfandel

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This red wine cuvee by Biale winemaker David Natali is a small lot special selection to share with family and friends as we all celebrate the Holiday Season.

Vintage Notes: The growing season saw rain in January and February then almost no notable precipitation for the rest of the season. This provided an ideal environment for grapes to flower, bloom and set in early spring. Budbreak was early in April followed by flowering and bloom in May. The summer saw early and even ripening with no concerning heat spikes. Everything tended early thanks to the calm spring with veraison appearing in early July. Due in part to the drought, yields were naturally lower, resulting in less dropping of fruit in the vineyards. It was one of the earliest starts to harvest on record. Harvest kicked off with clear skies and almost no weather events to worry winemakers. This allowed the grapes to hang as long as winemakers wanted to achieve optimal ripening and taste.

Harvest Dates: September 9th to October 15th

Winemaking: Our winemaking begins in the vineyard with meticulous attention to detail and close monitoring by Bob Biale and winemaker David Natali. Fruit is hand-harvested, sorted in the field, and sorted again at the winery. Destemmed, the grapes are then fermented in open top tanks with punch downs gently carried out two to three times per day. Pressed, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in 100% French oak barrels. The 2021 blend was assembled following harvest in the spring and put back to barrel, of which 40% was new. Aged for a total of 16 months in barrel.

Alcohol: 14.8%

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Bright aromas of red raspberry, white peach, and dried herbs on the nose. Perfect for the holiday season, the wine exudes notes of clove, nutmeg, and vanilla on the palate. Finishing with delicate and soft tannins along with a resounding note of blackberry compote on the palate, the wine is sure to be enjoyed among friends and family for years to come.

Only 424 bottles produced.