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**2021 Stagecoach Vineyard®**

Napa Valley Zinfandel

**NO HORSING AROUND**

We are immensely proud of our project at Stagecoach Vineyards®; what we have boldly called “the most serious planting of Zinfandel in Napa Valley’s modern era.” Stagecoach Vineyards® in its entirety is no ordinary vineyard location – it is more like its own district in and around Atlas Peak, Pritchard Hill, and Oakville, that encompasses hundreds of acres of prime mountain vineyards that supply dozens of winemakers with some of their most prized grapes. Situation with Biale is we are the only guys on the mountain daring and dedicated enough to be producing a Zinfandel. But, after tasting for nearly 20 years of winemaking – it’s worth all the expense, trouble, and long treks up beyond Atlas Peak. Not to mention savoring the view of the whole Napa Valley, it takes your breath away.

**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

**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, of which 25% is new. Aged for 10 months in barrel.

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:** A serious wine, representative of the peak upon which this vineyard is perched opens with layered notes of cherry, dried herbs, black currant, and chaparral on the nose. Driven by fresh acidity, the palate displays notes of strawberry preserves, bergamot, and plum.

739 cases produced.