

# — ROBERT — BIALE VINEYARDS

## 2023 STAGECOACH VINEYARD®

NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

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. We at Biale, however, are the only guys on the mountain daring and dedicated enough to be producing a Zinfandel. But, after tasting for nearly 30 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 2023 season was one of the coolest vintages in more than a decade that, as time progressed, showed all the markings of the spectacular vintage that ended up in the bottle. Several years of drought were erased in a single season as rains began just after the completion of the 2022 harvest and continued through the spring of 2023. Ample ground water and cool temperatures delayed budbreak until April with flowering in mid-May. Moderate temperatures through the spring and summer allowed for balanced maturation across all vineyards - allowing us to pick at the perfect intersections of flavor, sugar, acid, and tannin maturity. Harvesting at Robert Biale began with earlier sites in September while moderate heat at the start of October accelerated picking that lasted through the end of the month.

### WINEMAKER’S TASTING NOTES

Greeted by the characteristic chaparral note of Stagecoach Vineyard®, the wine exhibits additional aromas of violet, thyme, white pepper, and black tea on the nose. Notes of black plum, all spice, slate, and cranberry on the palate. Balanced acidity with moderate tannins derived from the rocky soils from which it grows complete this mountain Zinfandel.

598 cases produced



**Harvest** October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Aging** 9 months  
French oak;  
25% new

**pH** 3.45

**TA** 6.2 g/L

**Alcohol** 14.8%