

ZINFANDEL 2021



VINEYARD & VINTAGE

At last, our beloved Zinfandel has returned to the Bianchi line-up, and it is showing better than ever! This is our first vintage of entirely Estate Grown Zinfandel since we re-planted our vineyards in 2018. In the Geneseo District of Paso Robles, we benefit from a relatively hot climate and sandy loam soils that are perfect for this varietal. This is the central-most district in Paso with rolling hills and various soil-types, but the unique pocket where Bianchi Estate Vineyards lie additionally provides abundant sunshine for our thicker-skinned varietals.

The fruit was picked early in the morning, so that the temperature could remain cold for two to three days while the fruit soaked. After the yeast was added, the juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks with fermentation temperatures up to 90 degrees in order to enhance mouthfeel and aromatics. The wine ferments for a week before we gently press the skins, and transfer the juice to French oak barrels. This year, we aged our Zinfandel entirely in seasoned oak for 18 months, so as to really highlight the fruit characteristics of this wine.

REGION & VARIETAL COMPOSITION



TASTING & PAIRINGS

This 2021 Zinfandel has a delightfully aromatic bouquet of fresh cherries, blackberries, violets, sweet nutmeg and anise. On the palate, a complex flavor profile follows with notes of cranberry, ripe red currant, orange zest, cinnamon and a well-balanced, cool minerality. Enjoy this bottle with a big, hearty meal or a decadent cheese and charcuterie plate. Grilled or barbecued meats pair perfectly with this wine, as does a cozy tomato and sausage risotto, a slow-cooked bolognese, or your favorite dark chocolate dessert.

