

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2016 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER NOTES

Located on the northern section of Westside Road, the Bacigalupi Vineyard enjoys a warm microclimate in a cool growing region. The pure nose of red, blue, and black fruits jumps out of the glass and immediately captures your attention. More subtle notes of tangerine peel studded with cloves add a layer that keeps you looking for more. The flavors lead with hints of blackberry and blueberry and transition to notes of pomegranate. Lively acidity freshens up the palate and carries the finish to a wonderful earthy, mineral conclusion. This is a beautifully proportioned wine.

THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this wine come from a small block of old vine Zinfandel in the Russian River Valley. The Bacigalupi Vineyard is less than 2 acres of 90+ year-old head pruned vines, which naturally yield low tonnage that produces very concentrated wines.

HARVEST 2016

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing season and it started out as the previous four vintages with a warm and dry winter. The main difference in this growing season was cooler temperatures in late February, and increasing rain totals in March that helped slow down vegetative growth. The net result was a slightly longer vegetative cycle, a slower grape maturation cycle, and therefore a later harvest compared to 2015. These events allowed for perfect maturation of the grape tannins and flavor development. Harvest started with pleasant weather on August 10 in the Middle Reach Neighborhood vineyards (Westside Road). Weather in late August cooled and by early September temperatures warmed up and dry conditions prevailed. The result was our core harvest was completed under ideal conditions by end of September. Overall, the wines from the 2016 vintage exhibit wonderfully polished tannins due to long and slow grape maturation on the vine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 25% new, 6% 1 yr., 13% 2 yr., 56% 3+ yrs.

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.55

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 14.9%

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