

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2016 Saitone Estate Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER NOTES

The inaugural offering from our Saitone Estate Vineyard is a knockout. Immediately apparent on the nose is red raspberry with hints of Santa Rosa plum. Predominately red-fruited, there is some underlying black fruit that adds depth. Notes of Asian five spice mix with dried herbs and minerals on the nose. In the mouth, the fireworks continue with an incredible balance of extract, tannin, and refreshing acidity. Red fruit flavors abound while minerals take over in the middle palate and finish with a surprising citrusy sensation. This is old-vine Zinfandel at its best!

THE VINEYARD

Planted in 1895, this vineyard is in the heart of old-vine Zinfandel country on Olivet Road in the Russian River Valley. Planted to mostly Zinfandel, there are some mixed varieties interspersed in the vineyard.

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: 30% new, 10% 1 yr., 20% 2 yr., 40% 3+ yrs.

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.32

TA: 0.74g/100mL

Alc: 14.8%

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