

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2006 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This is a pure zinfandel vineyard that shows its personality through a depth of concentrated blackberry and raspberry jam characteristics. Along with the berry jam flavors, your mouth is filled with mature rich tannins that finish with a slight sweetness to them. Lower acids than the Feeney zin round out the tannins and leave a ripe berry finish that lingers on and on.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARDS

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

### HARVEST 2006

The 2006 grape growing season was characterized by weather extremes. The unusually cool and wet weather of the early spring caused a late start to the 2006 Harvest. Challenged by the prolonged and excessive July heat spikes followed by more moisture, the vines required attentive care. Cool coastal weather returned in August, mitigating the effect of the hot summer and permitting a long hang time for optimal fruit maturity and a controlled pace for ideal picking. Grape clusters were unusually large, resulting in a generous crop load.

Winemaking for the vintage was focused on meticulous fruit sorting and concentrating flavors, resulting in wines of fullness and length. Our Pinot noirs across growing regions have fruitiness of intensity and purity; our Russian River Zinfandels are ripe and typically powerful; our Russian River Chardonnays are particularly aromatic and finely structured.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 12 months

pH: 3.4

TA: 0.65g/100ml

Alc: 14.9%

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