

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2009 Papera Vineyard Zinfandel

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

After a rough year in 2008 due to frost damage, the Coulson Family grew some classic old vine zinfandel fruit in 2009. This wine exhibits exceedingly concentrated flavors of wild raspberry, cassis, chocolate and Asian spice that explode in your mouth. The aromas are comparable, but with a high-toned, fragrant edge to them. Big, rich mouth coating grape tannins give way to an extended jammy finish.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARD

Papera is an old-vine Zinfandel vineyard, located on the eastern side of the Laguna de Santa Rosa in the Russian River appellation. Planted in 1934, the vines are head-trained and primarily dry farmed.

### HARVEST 2009

Following the hardships of the 2008 growing season, late winter and spring of 2009 were unseasonably warm with little precipitation. Bud break occurred early March and unlike 2008, frost was not a problem. Berry set was even, benefitting from ideal daytime temperatures around 70F-75F, despite early May rains. Some bunch-stem necrosis was evident on our vineyards, resulting in loss of yields.

The summer months were characterized by cooler than average weather, aided by morning fog, with very few heat spikes during the fruit ripening stage of the vine growth cycle. This resulted in intense flavor and aroma development, good acidity and phenolic development in tune with sugar accumulation. Warmer weather in late August ensured optimal ripeness culminating in harvest commencing in earnest by the Labor Day weekend. A warm September ensured that all Pinot Noir (Russian River, Sonoma Coast and Central Coast), Zinfandel and Chardonnay were picked before the mid-October rains that played havoc with later ripening varieties. Moderate yields delivered wines of exceptional color, flavors, and aromas with balanced acidity and tannins.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 23% new oak, 77% 2-year-old

Barrel Aged: 14 months

pH: 3.46

TA: 0.72g/100mL

Alc: 14.7%

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