

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2016 Fanucchi-Wood Road Zinfandel

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The inaugural offering of the Fanucchi-Wood Road Zinfandel is nothing short of a blockbuster. Bursting with notes of boysenberry, the nose transitions to a dark hoisin sauce character. The unsurpassed elegance typifies this wine. In the mouth, berry flavors harmonize with well-balanced acid, and finishes with a hint of bitter cherry. While substantial in tannin, the polish and grain are outstanding and represent a classic offering from the Fanucchi-Wood Road site.

### THE VINEYARD

Planted in 1890, this organically grown, dry-farmed vineyard is located near the town of Fulton in the Russian River Valley. The vineyard is mostly Zinfandel, but is also interplanted with a small percentage of Alicante Bouchet and Petite Sirah.

### HARVEST 2016

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing season, and started out as the previous four vintages; with a warm and dry winter. The main difference in 2016 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: 22% new, 22% 1 yr., 22% 2 yr., 34% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 14 months

pH: 3.62

TA: 0.66g/100mL

Alc: 15.0%

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