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VINEYARDS

## 2023 BEDROCK VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

One of the oldest and grandest Zinfandel vineyards of them all is situated in the heart of Sonoma Valley. It traces back to the Civil War era, was replanted in the 1880s under the ownership of Senator George Hearst and came under its new ownership in the 2000s. Father and son, Joel Peterson and Morgan Twain-Peterson, took over what had been known as the Madrone Ranch, renamed it Bedrock, and began the long process of carefully restoring it to its former health and glory. Several top Zinfandel winemakers were invited to share fruit from the various blocks on this sizeable ranch that includes not only old Zinfandel vines, but Carignan, Alicante, Petite Sirah, Mataro, and various other nearly forgotten varieties that the old winemakers loved to plant together in a field blending system called “mixed blacks.” Our Bedrock Zinfandel comes from a select block of 1880s vines that still kick out some delicious grapes.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2023 season was one of the coolest vintages in more than a decade that, as time progressed, showed all the markings of the spectacular vintage that ended up in the bottle. Several years of drought were erased in a single season as rains began just after the completion of the 2022 harvest and continued through the spring of 2023. Ample ground water and cool temperatures delayed budbreak until April with flowering in mid-May. Moderate temperatures through the spring and summer allowed for balanced maturation across all vineyards - allowing us to pick at the perfect intersections of flavor, sugar, acid, and tannin maturity. Harvesting at Robert Biale began with earlier sites in September while moderate heat at the start of October accelerated picking that lasted through the end of the month.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Deeply aromatic with notes of bramble fruits, black cherry, and dried herbs on the nose. Expansive on the palate with flavors of black plum, blood orange, currant, cedar, and cocoa powder. Finely tuned tannins provide a structured, yet elegant finish.

297 cases produced



<b>Harvest</b>	October 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Aging</b>	9 months French oak; 25% new
<b>pH</b>	3.72
<b>TA</b>	4.9 g/L
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.7%