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VINEYARDS

2023 DICKERSON VINEYARD

ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

As grapevines were being introduced to the Napa Valley around the time of the Gold Rush, Zinfandel became a favored variety of the first settlers to the valley. Plantings of Zinfandel only accelerated following the phylloxera epidemic of the later 19th century, making it the most planted variety in the state. So prominent was Zinfandel that the name was not only bestowed upon a steamer travelling between Napa and San Francisco, but also upon a major thoroughfare of the valley in St. Helena. Zinfandel Lane, running the width of the valley, was named after the delicious and prolific grape. Dickerson Vineyard stands on West Zinfandel Lane at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains, the last old vine Zinfandel vineyard on the eponymous street.

Planted by Charles Volpi in the 1920's and thoughtfully preserved, under constant pressure to replant to Cabernet Sauvignon, by Dr. Bill Dickerson, the vineyard produces wines of extraordinary aromatics and elegance. The old vines standing watch over Zinfandel Lane and the wine they produce are a reminder of Napa Valley's history and Zinfandel's perseverance.

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

Exuberant aromas of raspberry, cedar, clove, dried herbs, and hints of stone fruit. Richly layered with flavors of red cherry, citrus peel, pomegranate, and all spice on the palate. Expansive on the finish, the wine is completed by well ripened tannins.

226 cases produced



Harvest	October 2 nd
Aging	9 months French oak; 33% new
pH	3.8
TA	4.7 g/L
Alcohol	14.8%