

# — ROBERT — BIALE VINEYARDS

## 2023 FALLERI VINEYARD

CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

This historic little vineyard of head-trained vines at the edge of town in Calistoga was planted by Italian immigrant Argentina Falleri in 1924. The vineyard was maintained by Argentina's daughter Olivia and today is cared for by Argentina's granddaughter, Sonya Spencer. Biale has been producing wine from this vineyard since 1993, which all started when Bob drove by the vineyard and had the hawk eye for old, head trained vineyards. It just so turned out that these grapes were available and so the longstanding relationship began.

Sonya Spencer fondly remembers the history of the property as “The property consisted of the acreage between Money Lane, Highway 29 and Lake Street. Most of it was planted in grapes, but there were also prunes and pears. Her Nonna also had large chicken houses as she sold eggs to Nulaid. The chicken houses were unique as she had Venetian blinds on the windows. It was typical property of the time. Many different incomes in case one failed, something else might pay. Nonno used the grapes for his own wine. He had the fermenters in the barn. Nonna also had the gas station across the street as well as a restaurant. Best raviolis you ever tasted. Chicken, of course.”

### 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

Expressive and floral with aromas of red plum, rhubarb, raspberry, and jasmine on the nose. Supple and filling on the palate with flavors of strawberry preserves, pepper, and subtle hints of cedar. Persistent on the palate with elegant tannins.

74 cases produced.



<b>Harvest</b>	October 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Aging</b>	9 months French oak; 30% once used
<b>pH</b>	3.64
<b>TA</b>	5.1 g/L
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.3%