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BIALE
VINEYARDS

2023 GRANDE VINEYARD

NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Just east of the famed Silverado Trail and north of the town of Napa, lies an old Zinfandel vineyard that is one of our favorite historic family stories in Napa Valley. Dorothy Rossi spent her life tending to the old-vine vineyard along with her son, Tony, who continues to care for the vines planted by Dorothy's father, Theodosio Grande, in 1920—the same year that Dorothy was born! Having arrived in Napa from Venice, Italy, Theodosio soon planted Zinfandel, pears, prunes, and walnuts. He also built a farmhouse, chicken coop, and barn—all of which still exist—as though having been preserved in some sort of agrarian time capsule.

Driving into the Rossi property today is like going back in time to the early days of Napa Valley. Not much has changed. Tony tends to the vines, chickens, and orchard each day. Every autumn, the pickers hand-harvest perfect bunches of Zinfandel into bins. Starting in 2001, all of those Zinfandel bunches began to be delivered to the Biale winery, where we cherish the fruits of the labors of Theodosio Grande and his offspring—a genuine and sweet family tradition that serves as a constant reminder of Napa Valley's agricultural origins.

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

Warm and inviting on the nose with aromas of blackberry preserves, vanilla, and dried herbs. Focused on the palate with flavors of black plum, cardamom, and fennel seeds all completed by finely-woven, refined tannins.

334 cases produced



Harvest	October 5 th
Aging	15 months French oak; 29% new
pH	3.68
TA	5.2 g/L
Alcohol	14.8%