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## 2023 R.W. MOORE VINEYARD COOMBSVILLE, NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Historic Hagen Road runs east-west across Napa Valley's Coombsville Appellation. Close to San Francisco Bay, this newly recognized rural district near the city of Napa is quickly gaining recognition for producing many elegant, polished, and finely balanced wines from many varieties – red and whites – that speak to the region's cool and hilly conditions in southern Napa Valley.

The Moore Vineyard lies smack dab in the district's middle on Hagen Road adjacent to Sarco Creek with a looming Mt. George to the east. This is where the family of a seafarer by the name of Pleasant Ashley Stevens planted vines in 1905. Most of those vines still exist today thanks to the dedicated farming and wisdom of Bill Moore, a retired orthodontist, who purchased the property as his first home in the 1980s. This is the oldest vineyard in Coombsville and amazingly enough – it is Zinfandel.

This vineyard is especially important to the wine industry now as its genetic heritage is being carefully preserved and propagated through the U.C. Davis Heritage Vineyard project. In other words, the genetic material from these historic vines is being saved for future generations of winemakers. In the meantime, we get to enjoy the immense pleasures that this Zinfandel brings.

### 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

Aromas of violets, blackberry, sandalwood, and slate on the nose. Driven by balanced acidity, the 2023 R.W. Moore shows exceptional depth with flavors of raspberry preserves, cedar, baking spice, and black bramble fruits on the palate. Finely grained and elegant tannins frame this heritage Zinfandel.

688 cases produced.



<b>Harvest</b>	October 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Aging</b>	9 months French oak; 25% new
<b>pH</b>	3.66
<b>TA</b>	4.8 g/L
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.8%