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Vellutini Ranch Zinfandel | Russian River Valley 2018

GROWING YEAR

The 2018 season was much calmer than 2017, due to the absence of extra rain and heat spikes we experienced in 2017. The moderate temperature in the spring and summer allowed for a longer growing season and full flavor development. There was plenty of water in the soil to carry the clusters through the long growing season with minimal dehydration. Our first day of harvest in 2018 was September 10th, compared with an August 26th start in 2017. It was nice that the production crew could enjoy the Labor Day holiday right before the long hours and hard work of harvest began.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Vellutini Ranch is bordered on the east by Jackass Hill and on the south by Jackass Vineyard, and was planted with bud wood from both of these vineyards. This seven acre vineyard was planted in 1999, and is planted to both Zinfandel and Syrah grapes.

TASTING NOTES

Elegant aromas of white peach and boysenberry add to the approachable qualities of this wine. The layered palate is intriguing with flavors of chicory, goji berry and star anise.



2018 Vintage

- 93 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2017 Vintage

- 93 points Wine Advocate
- 95 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2016 Vintage

- 94 points Wine Advocate
- 92 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Winemaker: Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 287