



ZINFANDEL
VELLUTINI RANCH VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
2021



GROWING YEAR

2021 was the driest year on record since they started keeping records 127 years ago. It was also the third year of drought conditions for Sonoma County. Contrary to these conditions, the summer was relatively cool and started two weeks later than the previous year. The drought conditions did bring ripeness to each of our varieties at just about the same time. By the end of the first week, we had 40% of the total tonnage in the winery. This included Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Zinfandel from both Fort Ross-Seaview and Russian River Valley. Despite being a very compact harvest, small clusters and berry size have yielded exceptional quality which makes 2021 a standout vintage.

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

Rich aromas of black cherry, sweet leather, and boysenberry pie are present in the nose. A well-composed entry with flavors of raspberry compote and integrated baking spices are present throughout the palate. Dark flesh plum flavor enhances the graceful, long finish.

2021 VINTAGE

94 points – A. Frick, Jeb Dunnuck

92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2019 VINTAGE

92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

WINEMAKING DETAILS

Fermentation: 100% neutral French Oak; 100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily battonage

Oak: 40% new French Oak,
60% neutral French Oak, 11 months

Case Production: 289

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Franciscan

Rootstock: 420A

Clones: JAH, JAV