



VALRAVN

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sonoma county
zinfandel

We've been making wine in Sonoma County for over ten years and have established a dynamic network of friends and colleagues that include vineyard owners, growers, and winemakers along the way. While we successfully navigated and maneuvered our way through the négoce market in the past, Valravn represents the next evolutionary step for us. Because of those forged relationships and friendships, we have exclusive access to grapes from fantastic vineyards and the team to oversee hands-on production from vineyard to bottle. We are proud of our past achievements and excited to realize the culmination of a decade of learning and focus, bringing authentic wines to the table that we have found, seen, and touched at every step. Valravn wines are out-of-the-gate approachable, delicious, and table ready.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Since our first vintage, Valravn Zinfandel has been based on old, bush-pruned vines averaging 40 years of age (some over 100) are sourced from the county's top appellations. The 2023 vintage is a blend of 90% Zinfandel with 10% Syrah, Petite Sirah, Grenache, Mourvedre, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes are primarily from Dry Creek Valley, with smaller parcels from Russian River Valley, Rockpile, Alexander Valley, and Yorkville Highlands. Hand-harvested, hand-sorted, and gently destemmed before fermentation.

In the cellar, the grapes underwent a cold soak (with the berries intact) to enhance the juicy fruit profile, followed by primary fermentation. Once fully dry, the wine was racked to barrel for malolactic fermentation and aged twelve months in French oak—a diverse mix of barrels ranging from first use to neutral, in sizes from barrique to puncheon.

TASTING NOTES

Lush and expressive, this Sonoma County Zinfandel opens with effusive aromas of boysenberry, cassis, and ripe plums layered with cocoa nib and sweet spice. The palate is vibrant yet silky, showing concentrated blackberries, raspberries, and strawberries framed by gentle tannins. A deep, chocolatey core and subtle mint and black pepper notes carry through a long, velvety finish.

