



# V A L R A V N

## 2022

## 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 old (some over 100) across the county's best appellations. The 2022 vintage is Zinfandel from two Dry Creek Valley parcels (one sandy loam, the other volcanic) and a Russian River AVA plot. We also included Petite Sirah and Grenache, which were cofermented with the Zinfandel for added complexity. Hand harvested, hand sorted, and gently destemmed before fermentation.

In the cellar, the grapes went through a cold soak (with the berries intact) to capture the juicy fruit profile, followed by primary fermentation. Once fermented dry, the wine was racked to barrel for malolactic and aging for ten months in a diverse French oak barrel regimen of varying ages (first use to completely neutral) and sizes (barrique to puncheon).

### PRESS - 92 WE - EDITOR'S CHOICE

"This sleek, elegant wine holds a surprising amount of concentrated blackberries, raspberries and strawberries on a silky texture soothed by light tannins. Layers of fruit keep revealing more black fruits, mint and black pepper notes."

### PRESS - 91 JS

"Rich and mellow character here with notes of ripe plums, strawberries, chocolate, sweet spices and hints of tar. Vibrant and succulent on the palate with a deep, chocolatey, berry-soaked center palate. Mellow and fruity."

