



2022 AIDA ESTATE ZINFANDEL



Harvest Date: September 2, 2022

Barrel Age: 20 months, 100% new,
100% French oak, 500L puncheons

Cooperage: Ermitage, Saury

Blend: 85% 49 year old dry farmed Zinfandel vines;
15% Petite Sirah; 100% Aida Estate vineyard

Bottling Date: June 6, 2024

Alcohol: 14.9%

Release Date: Winter 2025

Cases Produced: 209

Retail Price: \$125 ~ 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be the ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals as well as Zinfandel. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the Zinfandel grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

THE VINTAGE The 2022 growing season began in early March following a few wet winter months, which set the stage for an excellent bud-break. Timing was in-line with the five-year average, and warmer temperatures during the last week of February helped to push smooth development across the valley. April was a bit cooler than average, and some vineyards had to be protected from potential frost damage, but things warmed up in May providing adequate conditions for bloom and fruit set. The summer months of the growing season were remarkably consistent with warm days and cool nights—a perfect diurnal weather pattern for flavor development and bright acidity. During Labor Day weekend, an unprecedented period of triple digit highs shocked the valley—nine days straight of triple digits. Several vineyards were harvested during or soon after the heat wave while others held strong into the first two weeks of October, when the last of the fruit made its way to the winery. Much of the late ripening fruit came from the Rutherford and Oakville areas.

THE WINE The 2022 Aida Estate Zinfandel opens with a fresh floral bouquet, highlighted by delicate orange blossoms and exotic notes of sandalwood and teak. Subtle hints of vanilla, toffee, and cardamom add warmth and complexity, while nuances of soy, umami, and a touch of orange rind create a savory, layered profile. The palate is rich and weighty, offering a creamy, velvety texture and a balanced savory mouthfeel. Fragrant white pepper and soft spices enhance the wine's depth, carrying through to a long, lingering finish that resonates with both elegance and intensity.