



## 2023 AIDA ESTATE ZINFANDEL



**Harvest Date:** September 18, 2023

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

**Cooperage:** Ermitage, Saury

**Blend:** 85% 50-year-old dry-farmed Zinfandel vines;  
15% Petite Sirah; 100% Aida Estate vineyard

**Bottling Date:** July 22, 2025

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**pH/TA:** 3.80 / 0.58

**Release Date:** March 1, 2026

**Cases Produced:** 297

**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** Napa Valley saw approximately 40" of rainfall over the winter of 2022/2023. The 2023 grape growing season began two weeks later than the five year average as a result of the cooler and wetter than average winter and early spring. The vines had an ample amount of water without being oversaturated, shoot growth was steady, flowering and fruit set were also two weeks later than usual, and veraison did not take place in most vineyards until mid-August. Growers and winemakers, at that time, knew that they were in for a long, late harvest. Patience was the name of the game for the 2023 vintage. Early ripening varietals such as Sauvignon Blanc were mostly picked in early to mid-September (as opposed to late August) and the Cabernet harvest lasted until November 10th, a record for Vineyard 29! Mother Nature was extremely generous in 2023 as the weather stayed moderate and the sun kept shining, thus allowing the vines to slowly ripen their clusters. The yields were bountiful and the wines are extremely dark in color (reds), full of aromatics, opulent, rich and juicy. There is amazing acid structure and fully developed tannins across the board for the red varietals. The whites are fresh and delicious as well. The 2023 vintage will go down as one of the greatest, most unique vintages in quite some time.

**THE WINE** With vines approaching 50 years in age, the 2023 Aida Zinfandel is an elegant and refined take on this historic varietal. Aromas of ripe blackberry, black raspberry, and Bing cherry leap from the glass, accented by notes of white peppercorn, anise, and the slightest hint of orange blossom. The palate is supple, delivering layers of dark berry fruit framed by silky, well-integrated tannin and a touch of savory spice. Bright acidity keeps it fresh and balanced, carrying through to a long, smooth finish marked by lingering spice and a touch of orange zest.