

**VINTAGE**  
2021

**WINEMAKER**  
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**VITICULTURIST**  
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**APPELLATION**  
100% Russian River Valley

**VARIETAL**  
83% Zinfandel  
8% Mourvedre  
5% Grenache  
4% Petite Sirah

**CASES PRODUCED**  
265

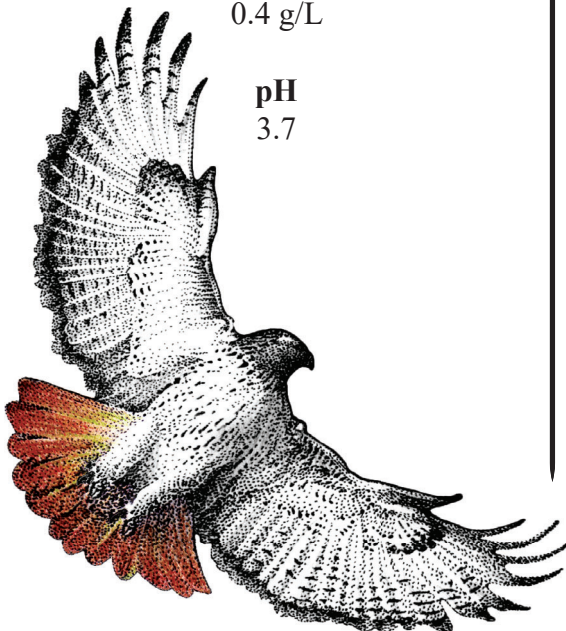
**BARREL AGING**  
6 Months

**ALCOHOL**  
14.3%

**TA**  
5.51 g/L

**RS**  
0.4 g/L

**pH**  
3.7



# BALVERNE

*Sonoma County Wines*

## Zinfandel

Estate Grown, Bottled, and Produced



### *Vineyard*

All our grapes are sustainably farmed on multiple well drained south-facing blocks enjoying the strong Sonoma County afternoon sun. The ancient riverbed Russian River soil and the combination of rolling hills create a perfectly rounded and distinctive Zinfandel.

### *Winemaking*

This wine was co-fermented with small amounts of Grenache and Mourvedre to add an exotic spice note. Open-top fermenters with a 5 day cold soak started this native fermentation at low temperatures with sulfite reduction protocols. Petite Sirah was blended later to give this wine added mid-palate and structure. Alcohol balance is crucial for achieving grace and elegance for any Zinfandel and this was ensured by meticulous sorting of raisins in the vineyard and during the grape processing.

### *Wine*

Presenting itself as a full-bodied red wine only to finish with the smooth elegance of a lighter wine. On the nose delicious notes of berry compote and cinnamon swirl in the glass with underlining hints of sandalwood and redwood bark. On the palate top notes of smoked hazelnuts are complimented by tart cranberry juice and a lingering of pink peppercorn to finish.