



## 2022 *Wild Thing*<sup>®</sup> Old Vine Zinfandel Mendocino County

### *Overview*

Old Vine Mendocino Zinfandel is a treasure. Grown on the benchlands and slopes of mountainsides — this 68+ year old vine Zinfandel was named for these wild- looking vines and also for the uninoculated, or “wild,” yeast ferment that was used to create it. It takes a lot of effort to tame this wild fruit, but it is worth all the trouble. Wild Thing is dangerously good! Remember – you are what you drink ....

### *Cellar Notes*

As usual, our Wild Thing Zinfandel went through fermentation uninoculated, relying on a healthy WILD yeast population from the organic vineyard to create a terroir-driven complexity of aroma and flavors. Our wild fermentation started after a 3-day cold soak and was followed by a 20-25-day maceration. The must was déléstaged (pronounced 'del-ess-TAHJd) at least two times prior to the wine reaching 12-15°Brix. That is the fancy, French term for a rack and return—a process that aerates the wine, helps to maintain a healthy yeast population, and builds mouthfeel volume with gentle extraction from the skins.

### *Winemaker's Tasting Notes*

Aromas of black cherry, ripe plum and raspberry fruit combine with a hint of cigar box, and vanilla-oak baking spice loveliness. Smoothly textured in mouth, and the palate is very creamy and round, with a finish that is long with lush jammy fruit.

**Harvest Dates:** September 14 and October 5, 10-19, 2022

**Brix at Harvest:** 26.0°Brix (average)---0.60 TA/3.54 pH

**Cellar Aging:** 12 months in oak barrels—10% new and 1-yr-old American, 90% 2-yr-old and older (13% French and 87% American).

**Alcohol:** 14.25%

**Total Acidity:** 0.65    **pH:** 3.65

**Varietal Composition:** 76% Old Vine Zinfandel,  
14% Old Vine Carignane, 10% Petite Sirah

**\*\*\* Sustainably Farmed and Organically Grown**

**\*\*\*THIS IS THE 4th VINTAGE WITH “ORGANIC GRAPES” ON THE BACK LABEL!**

**Appellation :** 85% Mendocino County, 10% Sonoma County, 5% Contra Costa Co.

**Case Production:** 9509 cases (all 750ml—no 375ml this year)

**Bottling Date:** February 1-2, 2024

**Release Date:** January 8, 2025

