

# Opolo

## 2022 ZINFANDEL

SUMMIT CREEK | PASO ROBLES

*Our Summit Creek line is dedicated to flagship varieties made in an approachable style, as exemplified by the 2022 Zinfandel. Opolo has been a standard bearer of Paso Robles Zinfandel for more than 20 years, and the Summit Creek Zinfandel is an extension of this legacy.*

### VINEYARDS

Zinfandel is the heritage variety of Paso Robles with roots dating back to the mid 1800s. The 2022 Summit Creek Zinfandel comes from our westside Willow Creek District and Estrella District estates as well as three select vineyards in the Adelaida District. By blending a predominance of fruit from the warmer inland interior of Paso Robles with fruit from cooler the westside coastal mountains, we can achieve a Zinfandel with natural dimension and nuance. The inland estates provide a base of rich, fruity flavors, while the westside vineyards add complexity, structure and fine acidity to the final blend.

### WINEMAKING

All of the fruit was handpicked at night to ensure freshness and integrity. Each lot was cold soaked for up to 48 hours, then fermented in stainless steel over a period of 10 to 12 days. The free-run juice was captured separately to create the vast majority of the wine. After the different lots were aged for a month with 30 percent new French and American oak, winemakers James Schreiner and Chris Rougeot assembled the final blend, whittling their selections from a total of 21 different lots. This blend was returned to the same barrels and matured for an additional eight months prior to bottling. This relatively short aging period was designed to capture bright, fruity flavors that can be enjoyed in their youth.

### WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Summit Creek Zinfandel presents warm aromas of black plum and cherry with notes of caramel, dried hay and sandalwood. The palate is broad and lushly textured with rounded flavors of blueberry, black cherry, pomegranate and vanilla. A soft, engulfing finish lingers with hints of light peppery spice. The result is an immensely delicious Zinfandel that offers unchallenged value.

#### Composition

100% Zinfandel

#### Appellation

Paso Robles

#### Aging

9 Months in French and American oak barrels

#### Analysis

TA .54 pH 3.82 Alcohol 15% Cases Produced 17,542

