

Opolo

2023 ZINFANDEL SUMMIT CREEK | PASO ROBLES

Our Summit Creek line is dedicated to flagship varieties made in an approachable style, as exemplified by the 2023 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, and our Summit Creek Zinfandel is the epitome of this regional expression. The 2023 vintage comes predominantly from our estate vineyards in the inland Estrella District and coastal Willow Creek District, with additional lots from four additional districts: Adelaida, Templeton Gap, Paso Robles Highlands and San Miguel. By blending a predominance of fruit from the warmer interior of Paso Robles with fruit from the cooler westside coastal mountains, we 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

The 2023 growing season in Paso Robles was a winemaker's dream, producing a vintage for the ages. All of the fruit for the Summit Creek Zinfandel was picked at night to ensure freshness and integrity. Each lot was cold soaked for up to 72 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 two months with 30 percent new French and American oak, winemakers James Schreiner and Skye Bruce assembled the final blend, whittling their selections down to nine lots from a total of 27. This blend was returned to oak 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 2023 Summit Creek Zinfandel offers bright bramble fruit aromas with notes of vanilla spice and sweet hickory. The mouthfeel is soft, juicy and integrated, with plush flavors of strawberry, raspberry and black cherry. Supple textures, energetic acidity and notes of toasted oak linger on a perfectly rounded finish. The result is an immensely delicious Zinfandel that offers unchallenged value.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Zinfandel

APPELLATION

Paso Robles

ANAYLSIS

TA: .55

pH: 3.80

Alc by Volume: 15.6%

Cases Produced: 24,007

