

SEPTEMBER 2025 TASTING NOTES

BONUS CLUB WINES

Thank you for opting into our September Bonus Collection—we are excited to share these special wines with you! This collection revolves around Zinfandel, the grape variety that started it all for Opolo. Each of these wines comes from our limited Opolo Reserve tier, spanning a special library selection; a single-vineyard offering; and our estate-grown Primitivo, which is a close relative to Zinfandel. Collectively, these wines represent the best of Opolo. Enjoy!

2018 ADELAIDA ZINFANDEL - RESERVE COLLECTION

100% ZINFANDEL | ADELAIDA DISTRICT, PASO ROBLES

We are thrilled to share this rare Zinfandel selection from the Opolo library, which has been carefully aged to perfection for your enjoyment. A nuanced bouquet of mixed berries, sage and loam reveals notes of truffle and cola. The palate is jammy and expansive with integrated flavors of cherry, plum and white pepper. The graceful maturity of the wine is expressed in trailing hints of mint, citrus and brown spices that imbue the palate with a complexity that can only come with age. Chewy textures and lingering spiciness guide the wine toward a soft, elegant finish. Savor it with black truffle pasta, wine-braised pork and black pepper chicken.

2023 PRIMITIVO - RESERVE COLLECTION

100% PRIMITIVO | WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT, PASO ROBLES

Primitivo is known as an Italian variety, while Zinfandel is native to California, but both are clones of the Croatian grape called Crljenak Kaštelanski. Yet while Primitivo and Zinfandel are joined at the genetic hip, our estate-grown Primitivo shows that there are more distinctions than name alone. The 2023 vintage displays a beautiful bouquet of violets, red fruits and dried cherry with suggestions of cocoa powder and white raisin. Flashy acidity floods the mouth with red fruits, strawberry, wildberry and fresh-cut cedar. Spicy flourishes linger on a vivid, focused finish. A great match for arrabbiata pasta, grilled sausage and pulled pork.

2022 REMO BELLI ZINFANDEL - RESERVE COLLECTION

100% ZINFANDEL | REMO BELLI VINEYARD, PASO ROBLES

Remo Belli Vineyard is a mainstay in the Opolo Reserve program, providing an unparalleled expression of Zinfandel from the Adelaida District. The 2022 vintage offers a generous nose of cherry, plum, olallieberry pie and toasted oak with undercurrents of white mushroom and loam. High in volume and texture, the mouthfeel is loaded with spicy raspberry and blackberry flavors accented by cedar, anise, chapparal and blue fruit. Black pepper notes deliver a pitch-perfect varietal signature to a juicy, lively finish. Fire up the grill and enjoy it with veggie kabobs, Santa Maria BBQ and peppered beef ribs.

