

Robert Biale Vineyards Zinfandel Black Chicken



THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Napa

APPELLATION: Napa County

CEPAGE: 100% Zinfandel

WINEMAKING: Fruit is hand-harvested, sorted in the field, and sorted again at the winery. Destemmed, the grapes are then fermented in open top tanks with punch downs gently carried out two to three times per day. Pressed, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in 100% French oak barrels, of which 25% is new.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.8%

AGING: 16 months in barrel

THE STORY

Perfecting the old California classics, Robert Biale Vineyards has become a revered standard of heritage vineyard Zinfandel and Petite Sirah in Napa Valley. The Biale Founders have cherished the tradition of historic old vines (some dating to the 1880s!) and prize the small quantity of concentrated and intense fruit that they produce. Diligent farming, expressive terroir, and superb elegance are the winery's hallmarks. Among the winery's portfolio of 20 wines that are crafted by Winemaker Tres Goetting, Black Chicken Zinfandel is the flagship—and has become a benchmark for the varietal.

PHILOSOPHY: "From our beginnings as a winery dedicated to advancing Zinfandel, we have always considered ourselves part farmers, part winemakers, part historic preservation society." -Founders

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Plush and well-ripened

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Mixed berry jam, cocoa, anise, and dried herbs

MOUTHFEEL: Rich with fine-grained tannins

THE SELLING POINTS

SUSTAINABILITY: Certified Sustainable