

2012 SELECTED RED TABLE WINE

Vittorio Vineyard, Redwood Valley



IN THE VINEYARD

Vittorio Vineyard is located in inland Mendocino County, east of the town of Calpella. Originally planted by Vittorio Testa, it is now being farmed by the fourth generation of his family. His granddaughter Kathryn and her family painstakingly care for the older head trained vines, Italian varietals planted on the bench lands east of the Russian River. The vineyard is certified organic, and is being dry farmed, which results in low yields of intensely flavored grapes that maintain their acidity. Bloom began early in 2012 but was followed by moderate temperatures through the summer. Just as we started to worry, a late season heat spell coaxed the grapes to fully ripen. This vintage includes Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, and Cariganne.

GRAPE VARIETALS
69.6% Zinfandel
15.2% Petite Sirah
15.2% Cariganne

VINEYARD
Vittorio

APPELLATION
Redwood Valley

IN THE CELLAR

The first grapes picked in 2012 were the Zinfandel. The clusters were carefully harvested to avoid green grapes and destemmed to leave any raisins behind. We pumped the must to a 5 ton open top tank and allowed it to cold soak for 3 days before inoculating with RP15 yeast (isolated from the Rockpile Appellation in Sonoma County) to begin fermentation. The Petite Sirah and Cariganne were picked during the following two weeks, destemmed, and fermented in half ton macro bins. We inoculated the Petite Sirah with RP 15 yeast and allowed the Cariganne to ferment on its own with resident yeast from Vittorio Vineyard. The combination of the RP 15 and the resident yeast encourages a regional expression of the fruit. After fermentation the wine was racked to tanks to settle for three days before being transferred to a mix of American Oak barrels (15% new) and 500 liter puncheons. No eggs, dairy, or other animal products were used in the production of this wine.

BOTTLING DATE
September 4, 2013

ALCOHOL
14.4%

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
6.1 g/L

pH
3.7

CASES PRODUCED
342

RELEASE DATE
October 2014

IN THE BOTTLE

This vintage of Selected Red from Vittorio Vineyard offers deep aromas of dark berries, brown sugar, baking spices, bay leaf, and chocolate ganache, followed in the mouth by flavors of cranberry, blackberry jam, coffee, and black licorice.

AT THE TABLE

This wine is an excellent complement to hearty, full-flavored dishes, such as minestrone soup, Cioppino, or roast beef.

