

2019 Rombauer ZINFANDEL

Introduced to California during the Gold Rush, Zinfandel is considered by many to be America's heritage grape. This Zinfandel is our tribute to California wine history; its fruit was sourced from family-owned vineyards, all located in the state's oldest and most revered wine regions and some of which are over 100 years old.

VINEYARDS

This wine blends lots from select vineyards in top growing regions: El Dorado County (42%), Amador County (38%), Lake County (12%), Lodi (6%) and Napa County (2%).

WINEGROWING

Heavy rains in March and April replenished reservoirs and led to healthy vine growth which we managed through leafing and cluster thinning. Weather during the summer and fall was moderate. Sustainable farming practices throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. The fruit was handpicked at dawn and sorted in the vineyard.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. A cold soak extracted color and flavor before primary fermentation began in tank. The wine was

gently basket-pressed and then racked to oak barrels to finish primary fermentation, malolactic fermentation and aging.

TASTING NOTES

When poured, our classic California Zinfandel is a purple-ruby color with a bright crimson hue. On the nose, there are concentrated aromas of dried cherries that meld with warm vanilla, mocha and mulling spices. Lush flavors of ripe plum and raspberry jam flood the palate, followed by touches of dark chocolate in the background. Subtle, round tannins and great length make for a fresh and enticing finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite *Joy of Cooking*® pairings* for this wine include Baby Back Ribs, Rack of Lamb or Baked Ziti.



RELEASE DATE	June 2021	AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST	26.7
APPELLATION	California	COOPERAGE	16 months in American (10% new) and French Oak
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	93% Zinfandel 7% Petite Sirah	ALCOHOL	15.9%
HARVESTED	Sept. 11th–Oct. 18th, 2019		

*Recipes for pairings may be found in the *Joy of Cooking*. Recipes not appearing in the book may be found at www.JoyofCooking.com.



The Joy of Wine

THE ROMBAUER FAMILY *Inspired by the wine movement of the 1970s in Napa Valley, Koerner and Joan Rombauer entered the wine business in 1976, then launched Rombauer Vineyards in 1980. As stewards of the land, the Rombauers have strived to produce the best wine an appellation, terroir and climate will achieve. The second and third generations are dedicated to continuing Koerner and Joan's vision.*