



*8 years in the Desert*

## **2022 CALIFORNIA RED WINE**

Zinfandel holds a very special place in our hearts; it is one of California's signature grapes, easily associated with the state. Suited to the warm growing regions across the west coast, we focus on finding great vineyards that produce Zinfandel to our liking. There's a perfect window when picking Zin—pick it too early and you end up with a thin, “green” wine; pick it too late and you risk a stuck fermentation; pick it just right...well, that's our goal. Sourced from vineyards of pedigree, such as Stefani, Barrelli and Monte Rosso, the sixth iteration exudes the ethos of *Eight Years in the Desert*: a heart and body of Zinfandel with added nuance and complexity from Petite Sirah and Syrah—the quintessential California Red Wine.

### **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

At first glance, the *2022 Eight Years in the Desert* looks to be almost black, but after closer inspection, a dark crimson starts to shine through with a tinge of purple on the rim. The nose is rife with notes of ripe blueberry, black plum, wild raspberry, espresso bean, sweet oak and a hint of crème de menthe and cedar. The entry is akin to walking through a tunnel of velvet walls with blackberry jam, reduced strawberry and a touch of rhubarb. Bright acidity throughout the palate, the wine closes with round, ripe tannins, fresh pluot and dark chocolate.

### **BLEND**

Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah

### **MATURATION**

6 months in French Oak, 32% New

### **ALC/VOL**

15.6%

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