



## 2019 *Wild Thing*<sup>®</sup> Old Vine Zinfandel Mendocino County

### *Overview*

Old Vine Mendocino Zinfandel is a treasure. Grown on the benchlands and slopes of mountainsides — this 60 plus year old vine Zinfandel was named for these wild- looking vines and also for the uninoculated, or “wild,” yeast ferment that was used to create it. It takes a lot of effort to tame this wild fruit, but it is worth all the trouble. Wild Thing is dangerously good! Remember – you are what you drink ....

### *Cellar Notes*

As usual, our Wild Thing Zinfandel went through fermentation uninoculated, relying on a healthy WILD yeast population from the organic vineyard to create a terroir-driven complexity of aroma and flavors. Our wild fermentation started after a five day cold soak and was followed by a 30-day maceration. The must was déléstaged (pronounced 'del-ess-TAHJd) two times prior to the wine reaching 12°Brix. That is the fancy, French term for a rack and return—a process that aerates the wine, helps to maintain a healthy yeast population, and builds mouthfeel volume with gentle extraction from the skins.

### *Winemaker's Tasting Notes*

Aromas of black cherry, ripe plum and raspberry fruit combine with a hint of cigar box, and vanilla-oak baking spice loveliness. Smoothly textured in mouth, and the palate is very creamy and round, with a finish that is long with lush jammy fruit.

**Harvest Dates:** October 7-15, 2019

**Brix at Harvest:** 25.0°Brix (average)---0.52 TA/3.55 pH

**Cellar Aging:** 14 months in oak barrels—10% new and 1-yr-old American, 90% 2-yr-old and older (10% French and 90% American).

**Alcohol:** 14.4%

**Total Acidity:** 0.68    **pH:** 3.51

**Varietal Composition:**     76% Old Vine Zinfandel,  
   16% old vine Carignane, 8% Petite Sirah  
**\*\*\* Sustainably Farmed and Organically Grown**

**\*\*\*THIS IS THE FIRST VINTAGE WITH “ORGANIC GRAPES” ON THE BACK LABEL!**

**Appellation :** 92% Cox Vineyard, Mendocino County

**Case Production:** 7283 cases (750) plus 195 x12pk cases of 375ml

**Bottling Date:** March 30-31, 2021

