

Carol Shelton

2020

BACCHI RESERVE ZINFANDEL

Bacchi Vineyard, Limerick Lane, Russian River Valley

Century vines planted in the old head-trained, field blend style are the source of this marvelous gem of a wine! Brenda Bacchi maintains the family vineyard with loving care, and we were very fortunate to be able to obtain a few tons of her precious fruit in 2020 only. The varietal mix is too wild to identify, tho still “Zin-able” it has a bunch of Carignane, Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet...who knows?! This Bacchi Reserve” will be our 2020 stand-in for our beloved “Rocky Reserve” Zin, whose grapes we did not harvest in 2020, since they were severely affected by wildfire smoke. Nice substitute, eh?

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes: Oh YUM!!! The nose just grabs you immediately with layered oaky spice and a deep mix of red and black fruits! Mocha-cocoa, creamy vanilla oak, a bit of brown spices-nutmeg/cinnamon. In the mouth it is bright and focused in lively blackberry/black raspberry fruit, rich oak toast and long chocolatey finish. Nice weight to go with food, good structure for aging. Amazing food wine—red meats, grilled stuff, very versatile—very drinkable right now and also very ageworthy.

Harvest Date: September 22, 2020
Average Brix at Harvest: 25.9°Brix (soaked)
Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.56 gm/100ml pH 3.8

Fermentation Characteristics: all bin-fermented and hand punched down twice daily
Total of 10 days on skins, including
3 days cold soak pre-fermentation

Cellar Storage/Aging: 16 months in oak barrels—
33% new French
17% new American
50% 2nd fill American and French

Alcohol: 14.6%
Total Acidity: 0.64 gm/100ml pH: 3.70 pH

Varietal Composition : “100%” old-vine field blend of Zinfandel
and Carignane, Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet....

Appellation : 95% Bacchi Vineyard,
Russian River Valley (on Limerick Lane)

Case production: 296 cases
Bottling Date: July 11, 2022
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