

Carol Shelton

2023

COLLINS RESERVE OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

Collins Vineyard, Limerick Lane, Russian River Valley

Collins Ranch on Limerick Lane has long been one of Carol's favorite old vine Zin vineyards, so when its fruit became available in 2021, she jumped on the opportunity to work with these old geezers, planted in 1908. They are a field blend but not too crazy with oddball varieties, and the grapes have a very distinctive soft, spicy red raspberry fruit quality, with a depth of flavor that is quite appealing. Here's to many more years of Collins Reserve in our future!

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Soft red raspberry-cherry nose, nice spice cabinet and a touch of dusty earthiness. In mouth it shows vibrant raspberry fruit, a bit of cigar box—cedar and clove, a nice mellow cocoa-oak quality that respects the old vine fruit. Long and bright in finish, smooth and elegant tannins...a classic Zin from Limerick Lane fruit!

Harvest Date:	October 9, 2023
Average Brix at Harvest:	26.1°Brix (soaked)
Average TA/pH at Harvest:	0.57 gm/100ml pH 3.54
Fermentation Characteristics:	All bin-fermented (3 different yeasts) & hand punched down twice daily Total of 12 days on skins, including 3 days cold soak pre-fermentation
Cellar Storage/Aging:	18 months in oak barrels— 25% new American 75% older French and American
Alcohol:	14.8%
Total Acidity:	0.65 gm/100ml pH: 3.55
Varietal Composition :	"100%" Old Vine Zinfandel (field blended with bits of Alicante and Petite Sirah, etc)
Appellation :	95% Collins Vineyard, planted in 1908 Russian River Valley (on Limerick Lane) 3% Alexander Vly Carignane, % RRV Albini Zin
Case production:	218 cases
Bottling Date:	June 18, 2025
Release Date:	April 15, 2026



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