

# Bacigalupi



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**2012**

**BACIGALUPI  
ZINFANDEL  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

**Cases Produced**  
200

**Vineyard**  
Bacigalupi Vineyards

**Aging**  
19 months in barrel  
100% used French oak

**Alcohol:** TBD  
**Harvest TA:** 5.4 g/L  
**Harvest pH:** 3.70

**Harvest Date**  
October 8<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Brix at Harvest:** 26.2

**Varietal Composition**  
100% Zinfandel  
  
100% Malolactic  
Fermentation

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## **WINEMAKER NOTES**

2012 was as close to a perfect vintage as we have seen in the Russian River Valley. We started the year out with a warm, dry winter which was followed by a very wet spring. No one realized at the time what a large crop would set out of all of that! Summer was hot with cool evenings, allowing the grapes to ripen earlier than we had seen the past few years.

## **PRODUCTION NOTES**

We harvested the grapes for our Zinfandel in the middle of the night in early October. The grapes were hand sorted in the vineyard, then destemmed and 50% crushed and put into tank for a 4 day cold soak. The must was punched down by hand once per day during the cold soak, then twice per day during fermentation. The finished wine was drained off the skins, and the skins were gently pressed at very low pressures. The wine was racked twice in its lifetime.

## **TASTING NOTES**

The 2012 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel lives up to its rich heritage with bold blueberry, blackberry and cassis aromas that are followed by black pepper, spices, and hints of lavender and orange peel. The dark fruit continues onto the palate with tons of blackberry and black cherry flavors and subtle vanilla undertones. The tannins are plentiful but soft and smooth, and continue onto the finish in a delicate, lingering way. This wine is so intensely flavored that it may

be hard to resist right now, but it will continue to age nicely for some time.