



# 2021

## Westphall Vineyard

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### zinfandel

### winemaker notes

VARIETY: 100% zinfandel  
APPELLATION: Rockpile AVA  
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 26.6  
P.H: 3.75  
ALCOHOL: 14.5%  
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2033

**VINIFICATION NOTES:** The 2021 harvest presented a fairly light crop, coming in at a typical time but just a hair early. An intense heat wave in August accelerated ripening, bringing everything in simultaneously. The grapes for this vintage were harvested on September 6, 2021. Fermentation lasted for 15 days, utilizing a mixture of one open and one closed top tank. The wines were aged in 20% new oak, 100% French.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Rockpile is the most extreme vineyard land in the Dry Creek Valley. Famous for its steep peaks and strong winds, it yields absolutely killer zins. Perched high above Lake Sonoma, the region's scarce water, thin soils and thick rock bed make it difficult for vines to establish their roots. This struggle produces fruit with remarkable intensity and complexity, making blockbuster zinfandel. Located at an elevation of 1,250 feet, Westphall Vineyard has ideal western sun exposures, red volcanic soil and steep slopes—all of which contribute to the character and complexity of this wine.

**SENSORY NOTES:** The 2021 Bella Westphall Zinfandel is an elegant wine, bursting with aromas of bright red fruit and nuanced notes of red currants. On the palate, it offers vibrant acidity and a smooth, satin texture, complemented by harmonious undertones of herbs de Provence and subtle hints of tobacco. The finish leaves a lingering impression, making this Zinfandel truly unforgettable.

#### VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE:	Various	SOIL TYPE:	Clay, heavy loam	ELEVATION:	1,250 feet
VINE SPACING:	8x8	YIELD PER ACRE:	2.5 tons	ROOTSTOCK:	St. George
YEAR PLANTED:	2000	TRELLISING STYLE:	VSP	IRRIGATION:	Drip

CASES PRODUCED: 43 cases produced  
RETAIL PRICE: \$55

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