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Sonoma Zinfandel is a bold and vibrant expression of Sonoma County , blending Zinfandel with Petite Sirah and Alicante Bouschet for a wine of exceptional depth and richness.

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Alcohol :15,00 %

Composition: 86% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Syrah, 2% Alicante Bouschet

Sonoma Zinfandel 2023

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

Sonoma Zinfandel 2020 is sourced from **Sonoma County's premier vineyard sites**, including the **Sonoma Valley, Russian River Valley, Alexander Valley, and Dry Creek Valley**. This wine represents Seghesio's vision of Sonoma Zinfandel, blending fruit from **estate vineyards (55%)** with grapes from long-standing grower partnerships (45%).

The 2020 vintage was defined by **lower-than-average rainfall**, leading to a moderate growing season punctuated by heatwaves and a challenging wildfire season. Despite these difficulties, rigorous vineyard selection and careful management ensured high-quality grapes with concentrated fruit flavors, balanced acidity, and complex phenolics.

Winemaking

The grapes were **hand-harvested in small lots** and underwent over **150 separate fermentations**, showcasing the distinct characteristics of each vineyard block. Fermentation techniques included **65% closed-top pump-over fermentation**, **25% small open-top fermentation with punch-down cap management**, and **10% rotary tank fermentation**, optimizing fruit expression and tannin structure.

The wine was aged for **10 months** in **15% once-filled American oak barrels** and **85% neutral French and American oak barrels**. Rigorous attention to quality ensured the wine was free from smoke contamination, with racking only after malolactic fermentation and again before blending and bottling.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet red with a brilliant sheen.
- **Aroma**: Intense notes of currant, plum, and black raspberry, complemented by savory accents of black olive, anise, and allspice.
- **Palate**: A bright and lively entry of briary black raspberry evolves into a bold mid-palate, with supple, lively tannins. The powerful finish is both lingering and well-structured.

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Did you know?

Sonoma Zinfandel 2020 is crafted from over **150 individual lots** harvested and fermented separately. This meticulous approach allows Seghesio to create a wine that embodies the diverse terroirs of Sonoma County while maintaining exceptional quality and balance.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised short ribs**: The wine's bold fruit and spice notes enhance the deep, savory flavors of this classic dish.
- **Pork belly with a caramelized glaze**: The richness of the pork pairs beautifully with the wine's bright acidity and supple tannins.
- **Gnocchi with Gorgonzola sauce**: The creamy, tangy profile of the dish is balanced by the wine's fruit intensity and spice.
- **Barbecue brisket**: The smoky, meaty flavors of brisket are complemented by the wine's briary and savory characteristics.



Wine Spectator (WS) : 93 Points (2022)

Vivacious and briary, this Zin is generous with personality, offering blackberry, licorice and orange peel accents that zip along the zesty finish.



Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 90 Points (2019)

The appellation 2019 Zinfandel Sonoma is a charming, fruit-forward effort with plenty of blueberry and cherry-like fruit as well as classic spice box and peppery herbs. Medium-bodied and nicely textured, with chewy tannins, it doesn't quite have the texture of the others, but it's nevertheless incredibly charming and satisfying.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 90 Points (2018)

This offering is blended with smaller amounts of Petite Sirah, Carignan and mixed reds. Juicy and generous in blackberry and vanilla, it is a broadly appealing style, utilizing both American and French oak.