



## 2022 PARTY LINE CALIFORNIA ZINFANDEL

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Party Line celebrates the tradition of Zinfandel when California's wine-growing families and the days when shared phones called 'party lines' were common in rural areas. In old Napa, a teenaged egg and produce farmer named Aldo Biale employed the code name 'black chicken' on the phone to keep his bootleg jugs of home-grown and homemade Zinfandel a secret from neighbors and authorities. Vibrant and versatile, Robert Biale Vineyards' Party Line is a fully legal classic Zinfandel from vineyards throughout California.

**Vintage Notes:** The rainy season started off hopefully with several storms bringing much needed precipitation at the end of 2021. Dry conditions, however, returned in January with minimal rainfall through budbreak in mid-March. Cooler, breezy days during flowering in May caused minor shatter in some early flowering blocks, naturally limiting yield. In June a well-timed ½ inch of rain provided the vines with a much-needed drink. Idyllic growing and ripening conditions persisted through the summer. Moderate heat in the middle of August jump started an early harvest. Picking accelerated ahead of a five-day heat spike that began the first week of September, nearly driving harvest to completion. Harvest at Biale concluded exactly a month after it began, just before an early autumn rain. Concentrated and dense with delicate acidity, the 2022 vintage delivered stunning quality across the board.

**Harvest Dates:** August 19<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>

**Winemaking:** Our winemaking begins in the vineyard with meticulous attention to detail and close monitoring by Bob Biale and winemaker David Natali. Fruit is hand-harvested, sorted in the field, and sorted again at the winery. Destemmed, the grapes are then fermented in open top tanks with punch downs gently carried out two to three times per day. Pressed, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in 100% French oak barrels. The 2022 Party Line is sourced from family growers, frequently farming for multiple generations, in Solano, Contra Costa, and Sonoma Counties. Aged for 10 months in barrel.

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** Vibrant aromas of black raspberry, strawberry preserves, crushed herbs, cherry wood, and white pepper in the glass. Notes of bramble, plum, and baking spice on the palate are punctuated by white peach high tones. The 2022 Party Line is rounded out by soft tannins and a long, lingering finish.