



2023 ZWEIGELT

PHILOSOPHY

WHILE THE ZWEIGELT GRAPE MAY SOUND LIKE AN UNFAMILIAR VARIETY FOR US HERE IN THE STATES, IT IS THE MOST WIDELY PLANTED RED GRAPE IN THE COUNTRY OF AUSTRIA. WINES PRODUCED FROM THIS GRAPE ARE OFTEN BRIGHT, PLAYFUL, AND QUAFFABLE. WHEN WE GRAFTED THIS VARIETY INTO THE VINEYARD IN 2017, WE HAD NO IDEA THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE A COMPLEX AND COMPELLING EXPRESSION WHILE REMAINING JUICY, NERVY, AND OH, SO DRINKABLE! OUR ZWEIGELT IS ADORNED WITH A BEAUTIFUL LABEL FROM OUR FRIEND YONG, FEATURING OUR FAVORITE MASCOT ON THE PROPERTY. THE GREAT BLUE HERONS ARE A COMMON SIGHTING AT JOHAN, AS THEY LOVE TO HANG IN OUR PONDS AND HUNT VOLES IN THE VINEYARD. WE THOUGHT THIS WAS A PERFECT FIT FOR THIS BLUE-HUED BEAUTY OF A WINE!

VINTAGE NOTES

FOLLOWING THE DIFFICULT AND LATE VINTAGE OF 2022, 2023 WAS A "BREEZE" COMPARATIVELY. WITH RELATIVELY AVERAGE BUDBREAK AND BLOOM DATES, THE REST OF THE SUMMER PROVIDED AMPLE WARMTH, WITH A WARMER THAN AVERAGE AUGUST WHICH ACCELERATED RIPENING AND PUSHED VERAISON INTO GEAR. LATE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER DELIVERED A SERIES OF RAIN EVENTS, ALLOWING FOR SMALL BREAKS IN THE PICKING SCHEDULE AND A LONGER, DRAWN-OUT HARVEST. THE 2023 WINES HAVE BEAUTIFULLY EVOLVED TANNINS THAT CONTINUE TO MATURE, MAKING FOR POWERFUL YET BALANCED WINES TO COMPLEMENT OUR CLASSIC JOHAN SALINITY.

PRODUCTION NOTES

OUR ZWEIGELT GRAPES COME FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF OUR PROPERTY. ONCE HARVESTED, THE GRAPES ARE FERMENTED USING EXCLUSIVELY NATIVE YEAST (BOTH PRIMARY AND MALOLACTIC), WITH APPROXIMATELY 11% WHOLE CLUSTER FERMENTATION. THE WINE WAS AGED FOR 11 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK BARRELS. THE 2023 VINTAGE IS A COLLISION OF BLACK CHERRIES, RED RASPBERRY JUICE, AND BLACK PEPPER — AND IS THE PERFECT WINE TO CHILL ON A HOT SUMMER AFTERNOON AND ACCOMPANY YOUR FAVORITE WOOD-FIRED PIZZA!

PRODUCTION: 97 CASES PRODUCED

ALCOHOL: 11.5%

PH: 3.35

TA: 7.1 G/L