



FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

2018

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The 100+ year old Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard is located on seven acres along a slight rise off Wood Road in the Russian River Valley AVA of Sonoma County. It is dry-farmed and has been hand-tended by the Fanucchi family for over 40 years. The vineyard is head trained, but Peter Fanucchi raised the gnarled old vines from just above ground level to chest height. This modification seems to provide greater sun exposure and air circulation and to have reinvigorated the old vines, enhancing the production of high-quality, old-vine fruit.

The soils on Wood Road are sandy loam of relatively low pH and fertility. Old vines on these soils produce small Zinfandel berries with bright, concentrated cherry and blackberry fruit flavors. At optimum ripeness, the fruit makes a big, intense, long-lived Zinfandel of unique personality.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard Zinfandel shows concentrated blackberry, black cherry and anise aromas and flavors, along with black tea and silky chocolate notes on the finish. This vineyard consistently produces wines that are dense and concentrated with texture and power.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 41% new
Time in oak:	10 months
Alcohol:	15.2%
TA:	6.0 g/L
pH:	3.64
Cases produced:	284
Unfined and unfiltered	

HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2018:	95 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , April 2020
2017:	94 points	L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , February 2020
2017:	94 points	Jeb Dunnuck, <i>JebDunnuck.com</i> , June 2019
2017:	93 points	Tim Fish, <i>Wine Spectator</i> , June 2019
2017:	92 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , May 2019
2016:	"Exceptional" 96 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , April 2018
2016:	95 points	L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , October 2018
2016:	"As good as it gets" 96 points	J.D., <i>JebDunnuck.com</i> , June 2018
2015:	95 points	R.P., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , October 2016
2015:	93 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , March 2017
2014:	"Extraordinary" 98 points	R.P., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , October 2015
2014:	95 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , February 2016
2013:	95 points	R.P., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , December 2014
2013:	95 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , January 2015
2012:	92 points	R.P., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , December 2013
2011:	91+ points	R.P., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , April 2013
2011:	91 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2013
2010:	92 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2012
2009:	95 points	R.P., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , February 2011
2009:	93 points	T.F., <i>The Wine Spectator</i> , June 2011
2008:	95 points	R.P., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , February 2010

