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Wine Specifications:

Vineyard:	Redwood Valley
Varietal Composition:	50% Petite Sirah & 50% Zinfandel
Harvest Date:	September 13, 2021
Bottling Date:	June 12, 2023
Cases Produced:	69 cases
Alcohol:	14.5%
Cooperage:	18 months in French oak; 35% new
TA:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.76
Tasting Panel Score:	95 Points
Price:	Pre-Release \$60 (Release \$64)

2021 REDWOOD VALLEY 'ESTATE VINEYARD' VEOLA

Vineyard: Our Veola is a red blend made up of 50% Petite Sirah and 50% Zinfandel. The Petite Sirah block and the Zinfandel block sit next to each other on our Redwood Valley Estate Ranch, the perfect climate for these two varietals. Both varietals are planted on 3309 rootstock. The Zinfandel is a very old clone brought from Italy in a suitcase by the Ciapucci Family in the early 1900's, and the Petite Sirah, also a very old clone from the turn of the century, came from the Barcia Family.

Vintage/Harvest: On September 13th we picked 1½ tons of fruit for our Veola; ¾ of a ton of Zinfandel and ¾ of a ton of Petite Sirah.

Winemaking: The fruit was hand sorted, de-stemmed and co-fermented together in a small stainless steel tank. They both saw a five day cold soak before allowing the tank to warm up and start fermentation. We left them for 12 days on skins before being pressed off at dry. Both aged in French oak for 18 months, 35% new.

Description: Veola embodies the essence of our family's legacy and commitment to excellence. Upon opening, our Veola greets you with enchanting floral notes that set the stage for an unforgettable experience. Dive into a symphony of blackberry and blueberry aromas, tantalizing the senses with each swirl of the glass. A harmonious blend of black and blue fruit unfolds on the complex palate with a hint of nutmeg and baking spices, revealing layers of depth and complexity. Indulge in a finish that is as smooth as velvet, leaving behind lingering nuances of dark cherry and chocolate.

Who is Veola: Zina Hyde Cunningham's granddaughter Veola Cunningham, the daughter of William Cunningham, was very enthusiastic about the grape growing and winemaking process of her family. Every time William would go taste other winery's wines she would always love going with him. She really liked the Petite Sirah from Foppiano Winery and convinced her father plant Petite Sirah in his Zinfandel Vineyard. William was more than happy at Veola's participation in the family business. The Petite Sirah was fuller in body than Veola thought it would be. To calm the rampant tannins, Veola and William blended Zinfandel with the Petite Sirah. The family came to call this blend "Veola's Wine." Like Veola originally did, we blended our Zinfandel and Petite Sirah, making this truly a rich blend in flavor and history.