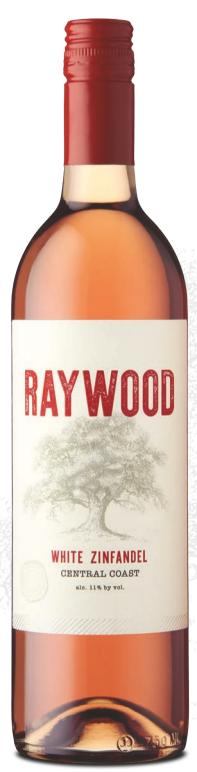
PAYWOOD



2023 WHITE ZINFANDEL

APPELLATION: Central Coast, California

ABV: 12.5% **TA:** 0.6 g/100ml

pH: 3.51

RS: 1.87 g/100ml **OAK:** N/A **OAK AGE:** N/A

AROMA: Strawberry, orange peel, and canned cranberries

PALATE: Bright Berries, orange zest, bight acidity, round soft palate

with an off dry finish

PAIRINGS: Thinly sliced salami or pancetta, spicy international dishes including Asian, Indian and Latin American cuisine

SIZES AVAILABLE: 750ml

HARVEST NOTES: Harvest 2023 caught us all by surprise. Most growers, including us, received early crop estimates that projected a small harvest like 2022. That news prompted Bimmer and I to camp in our vineyards and do long walks amongst the vines. My depression was soon relieved! The clusters were large with nice juicy berries. We had a cool and late spring, so the vines took more time to ripen due to an extended bud break followed by a mild summer. Without any heat waves and plenty of water in the soil from the wonderful 40 inches of rain the canopies and clusters grew and grew. The long hang time in cooler weather allowed the grapes to produce dark and rich colors along with beautiful tannins in the red wines. Even though it took a long time ripen, the grape sugars were exactly where we wanted them. 2024 will be exceptional in many ways.

The goal for making a delicious White Zinfandel is balancing the sweetness with enough acidity to make it fruity, but also refreshing and crisp at the finish. Early in the season, the vineyard crew hand-picks clusters that look like they won't make full sugar for our red Zinfandel. These clusters are loaded into the press and made as a white wine rather than a red wine. This gives the beautiful pink color with some red Zinfandel qualities.

Raywood wines are hand-crafted from select vineyards from the Central Coast of California. The wines take advantage of the wonderful climate of warm invigorating days and cool nights. Raywood wines are produced by Castoro Cellars in Paso Robles, California.

Poolside, picnics, or anywhere for a good time! Serve cold.

