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2022 Seghesio Old Vine Zinfandel -Sonoma County, California

Established in 1895, Seghesio Family Vineyards produces benchmark Zinfandels that honor five generations of winegrowing leadership, and share the heart of Sonoma County and their Italian heritage. Seghesio Family Vineyards encompasses more than 300 acres of estate vineyards in the Alexander, Dry Creek and Russian River Valleys – that also represent a significant amount of Old Vine plantings that are more than 50 years old and up to 125 years old. True to the winery's heritage, Seghesio Family Vineyards is focused mainly on Zinfandel and a handful of Italian varieties. Andy Robinson is the winemaker. Unapologetically bold, spice-driven and jammy, Zinfandel has secured its title as the darling of California vintners by adapting well to the state's diverse microclimates and landscapes. The 2022 Zinfandel Old Vine is a blend of 88% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah, 1% Alicante Bouschet, and 6% Mixed Reds. This Zinfandel captivates with a complex fusion of blackberry, black currant, plum, cherry, and baking spice aromas. Its lively palate showcases succulent fruit interwoven with supple tannins, persisting from mid-palate to a gratifying finish.

Pairings: Its intricate depth perfectly complements indulgent dishes like hearty short ribs, velvety pork belly, or luxurious gnocchi gorgonzola, enhancing the dining experience. Zinfandel is ideal with heavy, robust dishes such as roast lamb, meat stews, hearty pastas, or barbecued dishes and complements burgers, grilled sausages, lamb chops, and pork

2022 Patricia Green Sauvignon Blanc - Willamette Valley, Oregon

Patricia Green Cellars is located in the Ribbon Ridge district of Yamhill County on the 52 acre estate purchased in 2000 by Patty Green and Jim Anderson. The oldest section of the Sauvignon Blanc in the Estate Vineyard was planted in 1990 making them what we believe the oldest Sauvignon Blanc vines left in the Willamette Valley. Another section planted in 2001 and 2002 has begun to come into full maturity giving a little wider range of options to choose from in terms of coming up with the best possible example of an Estate Vineyard designated bottling. The fruit that comes from there has definitely developed over the years and has different and special characteristics to it that make for a wine that will stand alone and stand out. The Estate Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc is a denser, richer, more stately version of Sauvignon Blanc than one would generally find in the universe of this grape. This underlying tone offsets Sauvignon Blanc's general fruit driven tone making for a wine with both rich high fruit tones and crystalline notes that fill out the back of the wine. This wine is a medium straw hue and reveals supple, rounded floral aromas of wildflowers, soft tropical fruit of apricot, and citrus zest. Medium-bodied, it's energetic on the palate, with a focused, linear texture and a well-rounded, long finish. 92 PTS JD

Pairings: The best Sauvignon Blanc food pairings are seafood, shellfish- (oysters, scallops, crab, clams, lobster, prawns), chicken, green vegetables, grilled vegetables & sauces like pesto or chimichurri.