

NO RESTART - ZINFANDEL

This protocol focus on Zinfandel can be a difficult variety to deal with, especially regarding fermentation management. To prevent stuck or sluggish fermentation, often due to sugar release from raisin during fermentation, high alcohol content, we propose a specific “no restart” protocol. It consists in focusing on yeast preparation to improve their resistance to stress, and a second inoculation with a fructophilic yeast to ensure completion of sugar

HARVEST AND GRAPE TRANSPORT	<p>Pro Tanin R, 150-180 g/ton, at picking or during fruit processing to protect from oxidation and inhibit oxidative enzymes.</p> <p>Excellence B-Nature at 30-50 g/ton, sprinkle directly on grapes, as soon as possible after picking to prevent any microbial contamination and spoilage.</p>
COLD SOAK / MACERATION	<p>20-30 mL/ton of Oenozym Crush Red. Maceration enzyme, purified from cinnamyl esterase and anthocyanase to improve grape skin compounds extraction, and free-run yield. It will also improve clarification and wine filterability.</p>
ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION	<p><u>Fresh, Fruity, Soft and Balanced mouthfeel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temperature: 72-80°F - Excellence DS at 20 g/hL to produce fruity, fresh and delicate aromatic profile with smooth structure. - OptiEsters at 20 g/hL to promote the production of ethylesters and enhance fresh, fruity and floral characters. <p><u>Elegant, Terroir driven, Powerful and Structured Mouthfeel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temperature: 85-90°F - Excellence XR at 20 g/hL to produce powerful, structured, and elegant wine. - OptiEsters at 20 g/hL to promote the production of ethylesters and enhance fresh, fruity and floral characters. <p>Rehydrate yeast with OenoStim at 30 g/hL to reinforce yeast activity, increase aromatic production and optimize grape expression.</p>
	<p>AT 1 DAY AFTER INOCULATION</p> <p>Ensure good yeast nutrition and limit off-flavors production with Optiflore O® at 40 g/hL (complete organic nutrient based on inactivated yeast).</p> <p>150 -180 g/ton of Softan Vinification (catechins and plant polysaccharides) to encourage the stabilization of anthocyanins via co-pigmentation and condensation and protect anthocyanins.</p>
	<p>AT 18 BRIX</p> <p>Add 20-30 g/hL of OptiFerm (ammonium salts and vitamin B1) at 1/3 of fermentation.</p> <p>180 g/ton Natur'Soft to stabilize color, fill mid palate, balance acidity and increase wine volume.</p>
	<p>AT 5 BRIX</p> <p>Add L.A. Bayanus (<i>S.bayanus</i>, fructophilic yeast, resistant to difficult conditions) at 20 g/hL to ensure complete fermentation. Rehydrate yeast with OenoStim at 30 g/hL.</p>
PRESSING	<p>Press when dry or extraction is desired. Separate Free Run from press fractions and check RS and Brix.</p> <p><i>Optional:</i> 10 g/hL Vinitan Advance to free run to reinforce wine structure and oxidation resistance and improve color stabilization.</p>
MLF	<p>Sequential inoculation: add Oeno1 at 1g/hL after AF is completed.</p>
AGEING	<p>Once AF and MLF completed: rack off gross lees after fermentation. Use inert gas during transfer.</p> <p>KillBrett at 4 g/hL to prevent any microbial development and protect wine from spoilage.</p> <p><i>Optional:</i> Aroma Protect at 15 g/hL to reduce redox potential and increase natural wine resistance to oxidation.</p> <p>Tan&Sense Volume at 1 g/hL every racking to protect from oxidation and scavenge oxygen radicals.</p>