



## Wine Technical Notes

### 2021 Estate Zinfandel

Varieties: 100% Zinfandel

Appellation: Paso Robles -Templeton Gap

Average brix at harvest: 25.9

Vineyard: Estate

Alcohol: 14.8%

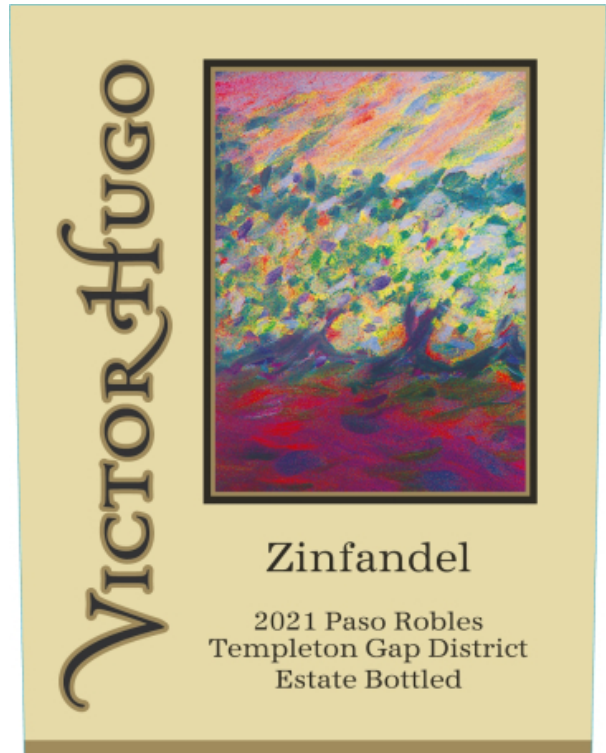
Acidity: 0.68g/100ml

PH: 3.66

Residual sugar: 0.05 g/100ml

Date bottled: September 28, 2023

Cases produced: 243



**Growing conditions:** Another drought year with 90% of our total rainfall occurring during the last week of January. An unusual frost in late May resulted in a smaller fruit set. The lighter crop coupled with a long warm summer led to the earliest finish to harvest at Victor Hugo ever, with a smaller harvest with excellent quality.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were hand harvested and crushed into a stainless fermentor, then inoculated 24 hours later with D80 yeast. The must was pumped over twice daily for 18 days prior to pressing. After completion of malolactic fermentation, this wine was aged in Hungarian & American oak barrels for 20 months prior to bottling.

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