

ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS

Limited production wines that focus on some of the *best and unique* lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites.

Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.
750ml 6 bottle case Allocated

The 2009 Series: Alluvia

Alluvia is a winemaker's wine showcasing the classic Rhone grapes of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre. The vines are planted on well drained alluvial soils, hence the name. These soils yield fewer grapes per vine and grapes with amazing concentration and deep flavor.

Overall 2009 was a cooler vintage with fewer heat spikes than in past years, so the acidity of this vintage is slightly higher than prior releases. The growing season allowed for uniform ripening in the Alexander Valley which led to wines with good structure, balance and complexity.

The Syrah grapes were de-stemmed, but not crushed so that we could cold soak the whole berries to extract aromatics and color, while retaining the bright berry flavors. After fermentation the lots were aged separately in six French Oak barrels. Winemaker Kevin Hall blended Grenache harvested from 85 year old Alexander Valley vines to add additional complexity, roundness and character along with a touch of valley floor Mourvedre for color, fruit and some tannic structure. In the glass the wine is a dark inky purple with a crimson hue. Aromas of blueberry, vanilla, oak, strawberry and red fruits fill the glass. There are fine grained tannins along with flavors of blueberry, spice, root beer candy, blackberry, vanilla and a touch of chocolate.

Food Pairing: Grill big cuts of beef, pork, lamb or tuna and flavor with rosemary, thyme and garlic.

Awards:
2009: 91 points *Beverage Testing Institute*
2008: 94 points Gold Medal Best of Appellation - *CA State Fair*
2008: Gold Medal - *Los Angeles International Wine Competition*

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| Profile | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Berry and spice with fine tannins• Silky texture with long aftertaste |
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About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased 600 acres of Cyrus Alexander's 1840's homestead in 1962. They started planting grapes in 1963 and from the beginning they realized that the property that stretched from the banks of the Russian River to the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains was a very special place. The Wetzel Family Estate has a rich diversity of soil types, elevations, exposures and microclimates giving AVV winemaker Kevin Hall grapes that showcase the terroir and the special place that we call home, Alexander Valley.

Technical Data:

Grapes: 72% Syrah, 24% Grenache, 4% Mourvedre

Barrel regimen: 18 months in 6 French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.5% **Closure:** Cork

UPC: 0-85798 08062-2 **Production:** 166 cases



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