

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 2012 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.

2012 was a near perfect growing seasons with ideal weather. During the summer we had cooling fog in the morning and warm sunshine in the afternoon. The daily temperature shift continued into the fall, ripening the fruit evenly and slowly. Harvest proceeded at a steady, measured pace and the grapes had great balance and concentration.

The Syrah grapes were de-stemmed and the whole berries cold-soaked to extract aromatics and color, while retaining the bright berry flavors. After fermentation the lots were aged separately in French Oak barrels, with both the Syrah and Grenache aging in big barrels to maintain the berry flavors. The Grenache added additional complexity, roundness and character to the wine, Winemaker Kevin Hall added a touch of Mourvedre for color, fruit and some tannic structure.

This is an elegant, aromatic wine with supple texture. There are rich, lush flavors of strawberry, blackberry and vanilla, along with silky tannins, layers of complexity and a big finish. This is a very limited wine, we only produced 380 cases.

Food Pairing: Ribeye steak with an Alluvia wine sauce, Tuscan chicken stew with tomato, cannelloni and spinach or grilled meats with rosemary and thyme.

Awards: 2012: Double Gold Medal - Sonoma Harvest Fair



Profile

- Berry and spice with silky tannins
- Rich, full bodied with silky texture

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: 43% Syrah, 29% Grenache, 28% Mourvedre,

Harvest Dates: September 19 - November 3, 2012

Barrel regimen: 24 months in French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.4% **pH:** 3.74 **TA:** 6.5 g/L

Closure: Cork **UPC:** 0-85798 08062-2

Production: 380 cases



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