

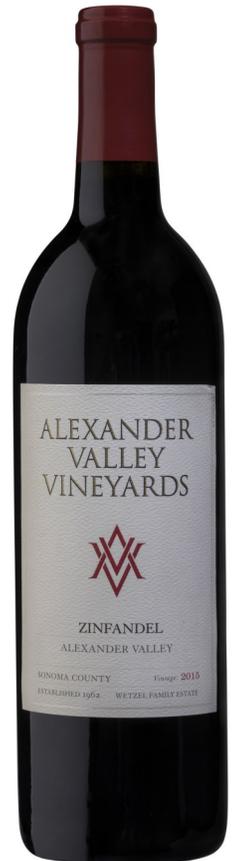
ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS

2015 Zinfandel

Alexander Valley Vineyards and the Wetzel family have a long history with Zinfandel. The legacy began with Sin Zin in 1978 when Hank produced our first vintage of Alexander Valley Zinfandel for friends and family. We followed up with Redemption featuring Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel in 2001 and in 2004 produced a completely different style of wine using a blend of our three favorite regions of Zinfandel for Temptation. We've loved all three over the decades, yet we've always had a soft spot for the elegant, jammy and spicy fruit flavors of Zinfandel from the Alexander Valley. This newest release celebrates that style along with our classic Alexander Valley Vineyards label.

The western drought continued in 2015 and was once again the topic of much discussion. A cool spring, rain at bloom and a hot July along with the continued effects from the lack of rain contributed to lower yields. The Alexander Valley's warm days and cool nights assure a remarkable balance of ripeness and acidity in the grapes. This climate, along with the effects of the drought resulted in grapes with terrific concentration and superb fruit flavors at harvest.

After fermentation the wine was aged for fourteen months in American oak barrels to add depth, complexity and texture. There is a spicy, earthy nose and the aromas of dark fruits, raspberry and vanilla hint at the luscious fruit in this dark purple, red-hued wine. There is great up front fruit with big flavors of black cherry, plum, chocolate and black pepper. This is a rich Zinfandel with good balance, chewy texture, nice acidity and a long, spicy finish.



Accolades: 2015: 90 points - *Wine Spectator*

2015: 91 points, Gold Medal, Exceptional - *Beverage Testing Institute*

Food Pairing: Grilled meats, roasted poultry, stews, Italian dishes and hard cheeses.

Profile:

- Dark fruits, brown sugar and warm spices
- Great up front fruit, good balance

About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Zinfandel can be the wild child of the wine world, ranging in style from sweet pink to over-the-top port like, high alcohol wines. Winemaker Kevin Hall chooses to use a light touch which allows the grape and the region shine. Wine lovers recognize our Alexander Valley Vineyards label and instantly know that the wine is varietally correct and elegant with a food friendly style that reflects a true sense of place. This Zinfandel carries on that tradition. When someone tells us they don't like Zin, we suggest they try a glass of AVV Zin.

Technical Data:

Grapes: 100% Zinfandel

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Harvest: August 19 - September 12, 2015

Closure: Cork **TTB approval:** 13192001000009

Alcohol: 14.7% **pH:** 3.74 **TA:** 6.5g/L

UPC: 0-85798-66614-0 **Size:** 750ml **SRP:** \$20

Cases: 2500 **First Vintage:** 2015



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