

# 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.

## The 2010 Series: Cabernet Sauvignon

Hank Wetzel produced AVV's first wines in 1975 and the wine world quickly took notice of the elegant Cabernet Sauvignons from Alexander Valley. Thirty years later in 2004 he decided to focus on the flavor profile that made the valley famous, releasing a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon known as the Alexander School Reserve. We continue the tradition with the 2010. This 100 percent Cabernet Sauvignon wine is a testament to AVV Winemaker Kevin Hall's skill and the Alexander Valley's unique ability to grow amazing Cabernet Sauvignon.

We harvested the fruit from a single gently sloping vineyard with older, mature vines. These low yielding vines produce loose clusters of pea sized grapes that ripen evenly and have incredible concentration, tremendous color and layers of flavor. 2010 was a cool growing year with fewer heat spikes than in the past few years. Diligent vineyard management was the key to achieving great fruit development and uniform ripening. The tiny grapes developed even richer flavors and concentration than in prior years.

Aged for 22 months in French oak barrels, the 2010 Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the Alexander Valley. Aromas of black cherry, cassis, oak and vanilla fill the glass. This is a big wine with a chewy texture. The flavors of dark fruit and chocolate linger for a long time, giving you a chance to reflect on the history and tradition of Alexander Valley Vineyards and Cabernet Sauvignon. The finish is long and lasting.

**Food Pairing:** While beef, lamb and duck are always perfect pairing try this with a savory pumpkin bread pudding, French onion soup or a plate of aged cheddar or blue cheese.

**Accolades:** **2010: 95 points / Gold Medal - Beverage Dynamics / Cheers**  
**2010: Best in Show - Gold Medal - Hilton Head International Wine Competition**  
**2010: 88 points - Wine Advocate**



**Profile:** • Rich concentrated with great structure, chewy texture  
• Cassis, black cherry and vanilla

### 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:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Harvest Dates:** October 14, 2010

**Barrel regimen:** 22 months aging in French Oak barrels medium plus toast with toasted heads

**Alcohol:** 14.2% **pH:** 3.66 **TA:** 6.2 g/L **SRP:** \$45

**Cases:** 873 **Closure:** Cork **UPC:** 0-85798 10006-4



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