

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 2008 Series: Old Vine Zinfandel

Winemaker Kevin Hall selected Alexander Valley zinfandel from a single hillside vineyard planted in 1965 on the neighboring Sausal Estate. These giant, gnarly old vines are head trained and spur pruned, yielding small clusters with fewer grapes per vine. The clusters had uniform, even ripening with amazing concentration and deep flavor of ripe fruit. The weather in 2008 from drought and frigid temperatures also lowered yields, resulting in fruit that showed a little more richness than prior vintages.

The small lot was cold soaked for 24 hours, then inoculated with a yeast that enhances the zinfandels inherent fruitiness and spiciness. After fermentation and pressing, the wine was aged for 27 months in 8 American oak barrels to develop complexity and soften the tannins.

On the nose there are aromas of barrel spice, candied cherry, blackberry and jammy fruit. In the glass there is a soft mouthfeel with flavors of cherry, a very spicy finish and good acidity. The 2008 Old Vine Zinfandel is all about nuances so there are secondary characteristics of graphite, licorice, minerality and some earthiness. Take time to savor this glass, we only produced 219 cases.

Food Pairing: The nice fruit and spiciness pairs well with any grilled meat. Try it with grilled pork, roasted peppers and polenta. The acidity also holds up to tomato based dishes so classic Italian is a natural pairing.

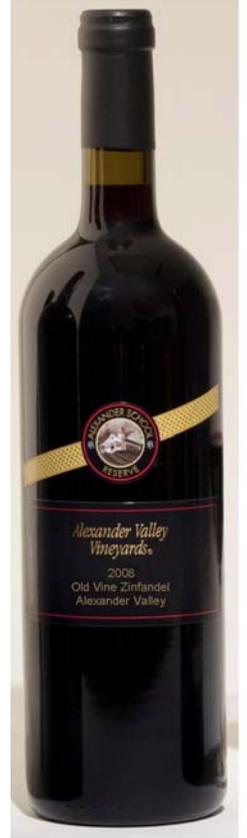
Awards: 90 points Wine Spectator

Profile

- Plum, white pepper, cocoa
- Elegant with complex nuances and lingering finish

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% Zinfandel

Harvest Dates: September 1, 2008

Yield: 2 tons per acre

Barrel regimen: 27 months aging in 8 60 gallon American Oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.4% Closure: Cork

UPC: 0-85798 -10005-7

Production: 219 cases



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