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2022 Alexander School Reserve Old Vine Zinfandel – 750ml

Appellation: Alexander Valley	Blend: Zinfandel 100%	Harvest Date: 9/06/2022	Alcohol: 15.5%	Cases: 400 (6 pks)
		Cave Aged: 22 months in 10 American oak barrels	pH: 3.7	UPC: 0-85798 10005-7
			TA: 5.6 g/L	SRP: \$50
			RS: 0.55 g/L	



Old Vine Zinfandel is all about complexity and nuance, each sip shares the story of the vine. Winemaker Kevin Hall selected Alexander Valley Zinfandel from a single 120-year-old vineyard near the winery for this small production wine. The thick, gnarly old vines are head trained and spur pruned, yielding a few meager clusters of fruit on each vine. This is a true representation of “old vine” Zinfandel.

2022 kicked off with a lack of rain from the ongoing drought, followed by a warm spring, and early summer. Relatively mild summer temperatures allowed the grapes to mature evenly, although yields were a bit lighter than in prior vintages.

We picked the grapes on September 6th. At harvest, the quality of the fruit was excellent with high acidity and intense flavors. The small lot was cold soaked for 24 hours, then inoculated with a yeast that enhanced the Zinfandel's inherent fruitiness and spiciness. After fermentation and pressing, the wine was cave aged for 24 months in eight American oak barrels to develop complexity and soften the tannins.

Old Vine Zinfandel encourages much discussion among Zin fans, and this bottle doesn't disappoint. Each glass is filled with earthy aromas of spicy dark fruits, plum, black cherry, brown sugar, chocolate, dried blueberry and cherry, vanilla and prune. Equally rich, spicy flavors of dark fruits, dried cherry, graphite, oak, vanilla, slight stone fruit and cocoa powder linger. This is rich wine with loads of fruit and balanced acidity on the long finish.

ASR Old Vine Zinfandel always sells out quickly, order it while you can, pour a glass and reflect on the Wetzel Family's history with Zinfandel as you enjoy this California heirloom.

About Alexander School Reserve Wines:

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.

Profile:

Complex, rich, spicy.

Pairing Suggestions:

Grilled, roasted or braised meats, game, hearty tomato-based dishes, Italian cuisine and BBQ.

Accolades:

2021: 93 points & Gold Medal - Sunset International Wine Competition



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