

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 2018 Series: Old Vine Zinfandel

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 50 year old vineyard near the winery for this small production wine. The giant, gnarly old vines are head trained and spur pruned, yielding small clusters with fewer grapes per vine.

The 2018 growing season began a bit cooler than the past few vintages, but we had a near perfect fruit set with moderate summer temperatures and relatively few heat spikes. The mild weather led to a longer hang time, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly with excellent flavors and balanced natural acidity. 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 aged for 20 months in seven American oak barrels to develop complexity and soften the tannins.

On the nose there are aromas of earthy, spicy dark fruits, plum, brown sugar, chocolate, dried cherries vanilla and orange peel. In the glass there are rich flavors of dark fruits, spice, graphite, oak, vanilla, slight stone fruit and cocoa powder. This is a big glass of wine, with a rich full entry, yet like so many wines from the Alexander Valley, there is nice acidity and balance on the long finish.

This wine always sells out quickly, order it while you can, then savor it and reflect on the Wetzel Family's history with Zinfandel as you enjoy a glass.

Accolades: 2018: 97 points - *Beverage Dynamics*



Profile

- Dark berry and spice
- 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: 100% Zinfandel

Harvest Dates: September 27, 2018

Barrel regimen: 20 months in American Oak barrels

Alcohol: 16.1% **pH:** 3.93 **TA:** 6.3 g/L

Closure: Cork **Suggested Retail Price:** \$45

Production: 358 (6 btl) cases **UPC:** 0 85798 10005 7



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