X ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS

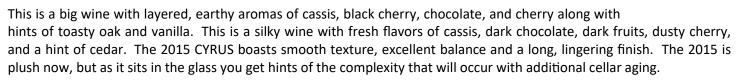
2015 CYRUS

In 1840 Alexander Valley namesake Cyrus Alexander rode into our valley and called it the "brightest and best spot in the world". He chose this spot to build his home and raise his family, and many years later we would do the same. This wine is our tribute to the man, the region and the very best of the vintage.

In 1995 Hank Wetzel produced the first vintage of CYRUS, today winemaker Kevin Hall carries on the tradition with our 21st release of CYRUS. He has selected nine distinctive lots of estate Bordeaux grapes for this vintage, anchoring the blend with three complex lots of Cabernet Sauvignon.

Varietal	Lots	Aging	Aromatics	Traits	
Cabernet Sauvignon	3	French & American oak	Chocolate, spice, dark fruits	Dark fruits, big tannins	
Cabernet Franc	2	French oak	Floral & dark fruit	Dark chocolate cassis & vanilla	
Merlot	2	French & American oak	Slightly floral	Fruit forward, dark fruits	
Malbec	1	French oak	Floral & red fruit	Intense inky color, deep flavors	
Petit Verdot	1	French oak	Blueberry & vanilla	Dark color, higher acidity	

The western drought continued in 2015 and was the topic of much discussion. A cool spring, rain at bloom and hot July along with the continued effects from the lack of rain contributed to lower yields. As a result the grapes had terrific concentration and superb fruit flavors at harvest. Each lot was fermented and aged separately for 12 months, blended to showcase the vintage, then aged for an additional 12 months in French oak barrels to meld the flavors. Additional bottle aging results in a seamless blend.



Accolades:	2015: 94 points & Gold Medal - London Wine Competition
	2015: 93 points - Decanter World Wine Awards
	2015: 92 points & Gold Medal - Beverage Testing Institute
	2015: 91 points - Wine & Spirits
	2015: Gold Medal - TexSom International Wine Awards
	2015: Double Gold Medal - Hilton Head Wine & Food Festival & North of the Gate

Profile:	•	Elegant, expressive	•	Aromatic, rich and concentrated
About Alexander Valley Vineyards:			Technical Data:	
Over the last decade we have replanted our vineyards with reduced spacing resulting in more rows per acre and closer spacing per vine. On some sites we have more than doubled the plants in these high density vineyards. These tightly			Grapes: 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot Harvest: September 4 - October 7, 2015	
spaced vines produce around 10-12 pounds of grapes per			Closure: Cork	
vine. This low yield results in great complexity in the glass, while more vines per acre is one of the keys to great value in			First Vintage: 1995	

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.53 TA: 6.5 g/L

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our bottles. So the next time you hear someone quoting tons per acre, be sure to ask them how many vines are

producing that ton and compute the pounds per vine.