

ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon - *organically grown*

Alexander Valley Vineyards is located in the heart of Sonoma County's Alexander Valley on the historic property settled in the 1840s by valley namesake, Cyrus Alexander. The Wetzel Family purchased the original homestead in 1962, continuing a tradition of family farming on the site. From the beginning they treasured the spot they call home and took steps to preserve it for future generations. In 2008 Hank and Linda Wetzel began organically farming a single Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard planted with Clone 4 and Clone 6. The vineyard was certified organic in 2011 by CCOF (California Certified Organic Farmers).

Overall, 2016 was a more normal growing season than the last few years. While the drought was still persistent, we received much needed rain over the winter and early spring. The good weather continued through the summer with no damaging heat spikes. Yields were slightly reduced, but the quality and flavor of the grapes were stellar. We vinified and aged the organic vineyard fruit separately to produce a single vineyard "organically grown" Cabernet Sauvignon. After harvest the grapes were de-stemmed, fermented and aged in 25% new French oak barrels for 28 months.

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is fruit forward with great balance and rich texture. In the glass are earthy aromas of cassis, black cherry, boysenberry, chocolate, dark cherry and plum, along with flavors of cherry, cassis, blackberry, plum, spice, oak, chocolate and a hint of mint. This wine has good structure and a rich juicy finish. Alexander Valley Vineyards has been known for world class Cabernet Sauvignon for 40 years, and this organically grown wine continues that tradition and celebrates our commitment to sustainable agriculture and family farming.



Accolades:

- 2016: 90 points & Best Buy** - *Wine & Spirits Magazine*
- 2016: Gold Medal** - *Sonoma County Harvest Fair*
- 2016: Gold Medal** - *San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo International Wine Competition*
- 2016: Gold Medal** - *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*
- 2016: 89 points** - *Wine Advocate*
- 2016: Double Gold Medal** - *Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival*

Profile: • Textured, structured, loads of dark spicy fruit • Elegant, yet earthy

About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

AVV's vineyard practices were initially recognized by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance in March 2006, though the family's many "green" initiatives have been in use since 1962. Early on the Wetzel Family composted winery waste, practiced irrigation management and planted cover crops in the vineyards to minimize the use of pesticides and control erosion. More recently, they installed solar panels on the winery and increased their naturally cooled caves to 25,000 square feet. In 2010 the winery was recognized as a certified Sonoma Green Business by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Technical Data:

Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%
Harvest: September 29, 2016
Barrel Aging: 28 months French Oak
Clones: 4 and 6 **Cases:** 1050
Alcohol: 14.2% **pH:** 3.40 **TA:** 6.85 g/L
First Vintage: 2012 **SRP:** \$32
UPC: 0-85798 02882-5 750ml



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SONOMA COUNTY

Vintage: 2016

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2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

We've been producing Cabernet Sauvignon since 1975, but this is our fifth vintage produced exclusively from 100% organically grown grapes. We've farmed this small Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard organically since 2008 and received the California Certified Organic Farming certification in 2011. After harvest we de-stem the grapes, ferment and barrel age the wine in French oak for 28 months. 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, plum, spice and chocolate linger for a long time. The Wetzel Family Estate, located on the property settled in the 1840s by Alexander Valley namesake Cyrus Alexander, showcases the history, tradition and excellence of the region. This wine continues our tradition with Cabernet Sauvignon and celebrates our commitment to sustainable agriculture and family farming.

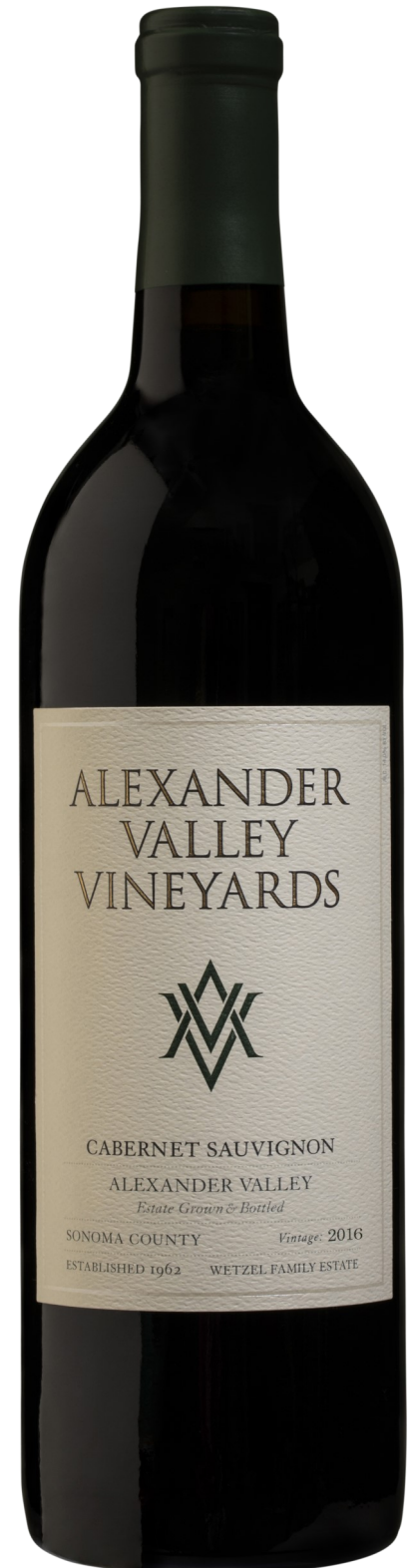
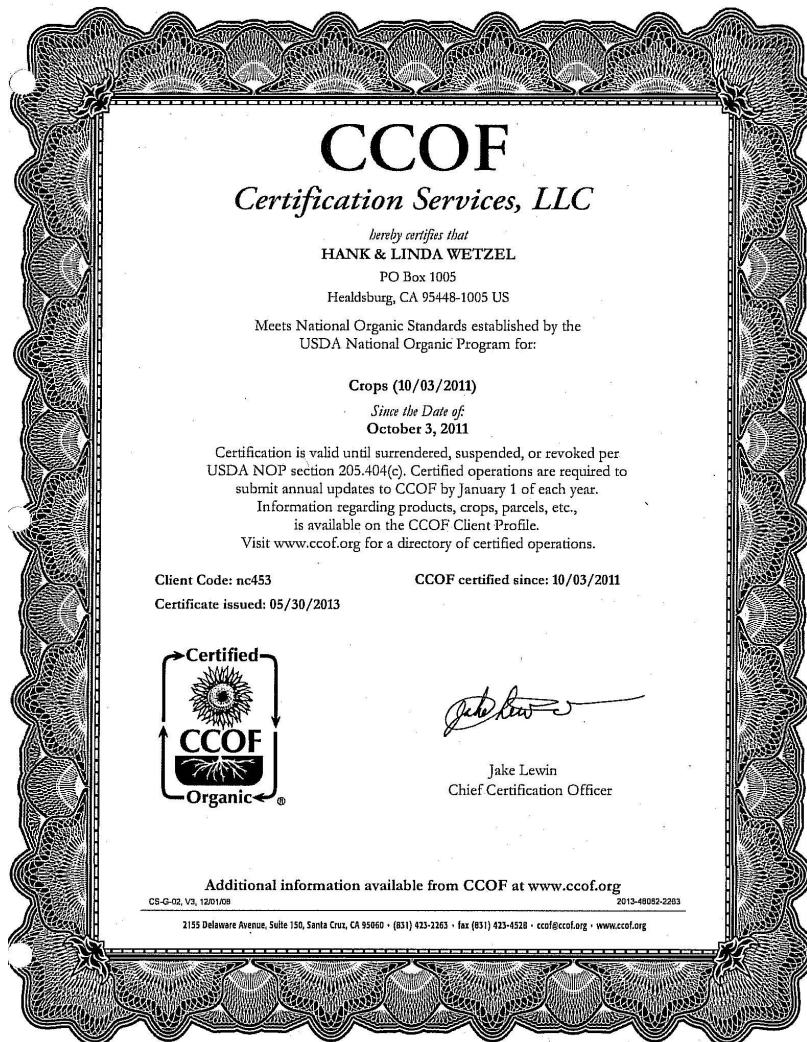
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Ingredients: Organically grown grapes

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GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

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