

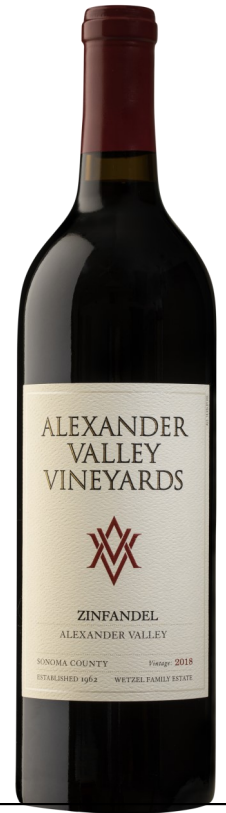
# ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS

## 2018 Zinfandel

Alexander Valley Vineyards and the Wetzel family have a long history with Zinfandel. The legacy began with Sin Zin in 1978 when Hank produced our first vintage of Alexander Valley Zinfandel for friends and family. We followed up with Redemption featuring Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel in 2001 and in 2004 produced a completely different style of wine using a blend of our three favorite regions of Zinfandel for Temptation. We've loved all three over the decades, yet we've always had a soft spot for the elegant, jammy and spicy fruit flavors of Zinfandel from the Alexander Valley. This fifth release celebrates that style along with our classic Alexander Valley Vineyards label.

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. Harvest occurred over a four week period. The wine was aged for 14 months in American oak barrels.

This wine has great color, with a dark purple and red hue. There are spicy, earthy aromas of black cherry, black pepper, plum, raspberry and a touch of citrus. The 2018 Zinfandel is a spicy wine with rich earthy flavors of black cherry, plum, black pepper, apricot and a hint of chocolate. This is a Zinfandel to savor with hints of brown sugar and warm spices along with great balance and a nice clean finish.



**Accolades:**

- 2018: 97 points, Double Gold & Best of Class - *Sunset Intl Wine Competition*
- 2018: 94 points & Gold Medal - *Los Angeles Invitational Wine Challenge*
- 2018: 91 points & Gold Medal - *Santé Magazine Intl Wine Competition*
- 2018: 90 points - *Wine Spectator*
- 2018: 90 points & Best Buy - *Wine & Spirits Magazine*
- 2018: Gold Medal & Best of Class - *North of the Gate Wine Competition*
- 2018: Gold Medal & Top of Class - *SASSR Intl Wine Competition*

**Food Pairing:** Grilled meats, roasted poultry, stews, Italian dishes and hard cheeses.

**Profile:**

- Dark fruits, brown sugar and warm spices
- Great up front fruit, good balance

### About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Zinfandel can be the wild child of the wine world, ranging in style from sweet pink to over-the-top port like, high alcohol wines. Winemaker Kevin Hall chooses to use a light touch which allows the grape and the region shine. Wine lovers recognize our Alexander Valley Vineyards label and instantly know that the wine is varietally correct and elegant with a food friendly style that reflects a true sense of place. This Zinfandel carries on that tradition. When someone tells us they don't like Zin, we suggest they try a glass of AVV Zin.

### Technical Data:

**Grapes:** 100% Zinfandel

**Appellation:** Alexander Valley

**Harvest:** September 17 - October 16, 2018

**Closure:** Cork **TTB approval:** 16211001000508

**Alcohol:** 14.9% **pH:** 3.7 **TA:** 6.7 g/L

**UPC:** 0-85798-66614-0 **Size:** 750ml **SRP:** \$20

**Cases:** 7,530 **First Vintage:** 2015



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