

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 2010 Series: Alluvia

Alluvia is a winemaker's wine showcasing the classic Rhone grapes of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre. The vines are planted on well drained alluvial soils, hence the name. These soils yield fewer grapes per vine and grapes with amazing concentration and deep flavor.

Overall, 2010 was a cool growing year with fewer heat spikes than in the past few years. Diligent vineyard management was the key to achieving great fruit development and uniform ripening. The grapes had good structure, balance and complexity at harvest.

The Syrah grapes were de-stemmed, but not crushed so that we could cold soak the whole berries to extract aromatics and color, while retaining the bright berry flavors. After fermentation the lots were aged separately in six French Oak barrels. Winemaker Kevin Hall blended Grenache harvested from 85 year old Alexander Valley vines to add additional complexity, roundness and character along with a touch of valley floor Mourvedre for color, fruit and some tannic structure.

The 2010 Alluvia showcases the natural elegance of the Alexander Valley. This is a very aromatic and floral wine with rich, full flavors of red fruit, spice and white pepper. There are fine grained, supple tannins along with a long juicy finish.

Food Pairing: Long, slow braises with beef, pork or lamb accented with thyme, rosemary, garlic and tomato.

Awards:
2010: 87 points *Wine Advocate*
2009: 91 points *Beverage Testing Institute*
2008: 94 points Gold Medal Best of Appellation - *CA State Fair*

Profile

- Berry and spice with fine tannins
- 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: 81% Syrah, 9% Grenache, 5% Mourvedre, 5% Viognier

Harvest Dates: September 22 - October 15, 2010

Barrel regimen: 20 months in 6 French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.5% **Closure:** Cork



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