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NAPA VALLEY

2014 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

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VINTAGE NOTES

In spite of the drought and the South Napa earthquake, we consider the 2014 vintage in Napa Valley a high quality vintage with depth of flavor and excellent character in the wines coming from the year. Even with drought concerns the weather was near perfect and we were fortunate with relative abundant crop. Zinfandel specifically came in at an even pace and with well developed fruit character and bright acidity.

VINEYARD NOTES

Sourced from various vineyards but the two key vineyards are on opposite ends of Napa. The Morgan vineyard in the southeastern point of Napa Valley offers bright acidity and bright fruit. The Godward vineyard in Calistoga brings into the blend the even older vines that add the polished yet extracted character of our old vine zin.

TASTING NOTES

The aromatics promote spiced encrusted roasted meats, red and black fruits and notes of cedar. The palate showcases the elegant fruit notes of blackberry and raspberry with a touch of smokey notes from the American oak influence. The Hungarian oak ties in a nice layer of spices that coupled with the fruit and bright acidity give this vintage of our Zin a boost.

WINEMAKING

With concerns of uneven ripening always a focus with Zinfandel we stay on top of vineyards during harvest to attempt to find the perfect balance of fruit ripeness and balanced acidity. Once in the cellar we attempt to extract the most character during fermentation all the while keeping the character of the wine intact. In most years we will blend Petite Sirah in with the Zinfandel to add even more structure and character.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 90% Zinfandel, 9% Petite Sirah & 1% Grenache

GROWING REGION Napa Valley | PRODUCTION 4,500 cases

ALCOHOL 15.0% | pH 3.60 | OAK AGING 14 months in French, Hungarian & American oak, 35% new