

# Rock Wall

## WINE COMPANY

2015

## ZINFANDEL

### ALEGRIA VINEYARD

#### VINEYARD NOTES

Bill and Betsy Nachbaur purchased Alegría Vineyards in 1990, becoming stewards of a century-old field-blend Zinfandel vineyard, located in Healdsburg in the Russian River Valley. They learned from public records that the vines were planted in 1890, and there were grapevines on the property in the 1880s. Today Alegría Vineyards has 26 acres planted with many lesser known varieties, about 40 in all. Alegria means “joy” in Spanish, and the Nachbaur’s always say, “May this wine bring Alegria to your life!”

#### Production

We picked this gorgeous field blend on September 14th, 2015. We brought it into the winery and crushed it into macrobins. After a two day cold soak, we brought the bins out into the warm sunshine to warm up. The next day we inoculated with BM45 yeast, which is a Brunello di Montalcino yeast isolate. After a healthy 10-day fermentation we pressed the wine out of the grape skins and inoculated with malolactic. Then we racked the wine down to 45% new oak, 30% of which was American oak and 15% of which was French oak.

#### Winemaker Comments

I LOVE old school field blends like this. This particular one includes more esoteric grape varieties like Alicante Bouschet, Carignane, Tannat, Palamino, Peloursin, Dolcetto, Muscat Noir, and the list goes on. They all influence this amazing Zinfandel that is grown on ancient vines planted in 1890.

Juicy blackberry, nutmeg and honey guide the aromatics followed by flavors of berry pie, ripe plum, white pepper, raspberry and cappuccino.

#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

##### APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

##### COMPOSITION

75% Zinfandel with old-school field blend of 22+ varieties

##### ALCOHOL

15.1%

##### PH

3.45

##### TOTAL ACIDITY

0.62g / 100ml

##### BARRELS

30% new American oak

15% new French oak

55% neutral oak

##### CASES PRODUCED

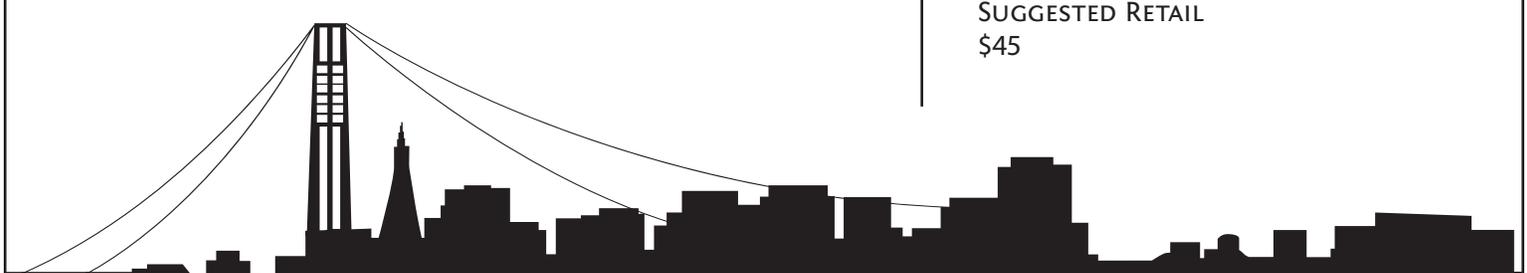
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##### RELEASE DATE

August 27th

##### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$45



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