

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2015

ZIN NYMPH

SOFIA FAVALORA VINEYARD

Vineyard Notes

Frankie Favalora's beautiful Sophia Favalora Vineyard is located in Oakley, in Contra Costa County. This vineyard (much like Frankie) is extremely well manicured, there's not a weed in sight. The cuttings for this vineyard come from the late Stan and Gertie Planchon's vineyard which was one of the first vineyards planted in Oakley in the 1890's.

Production

This was the second lot we harvested on August 18th, 2015. This entire vintage was ready early, but these beautiful grapes were plump for the picking with 26 brix in mid-August. This was the first year that I have made White Zin from this site, and I am beyond pleased with the result. We picked the fruit, brought it into the winery and put it straight into the press. Because they are big, juicy Zinfandel grapes, the carnation pink colored free run juice was flowing like a waterfall before I even started the press. We pressed the juice out of the grapes to a stainless steel tank that I set to 45 degrees Fahrenheit. We racked off the gross lees into another chilled tank and inoculated with D80 which is a red wine yeast which is generally used in Zinfandel and Syrah to create voluminous mouthfeel and a long lasting finish. It fermented slow and steady and the result is so exciting. Once it was finished fermenting, we put it through partial malolactic fermentation to create a velvety mouthfeel. Once we had less than one gram per liter of malic acid remaining, we dosed it up with SO₂ to preserve it, and let it rest until bottling.

Winemaker Comments

Elegant, just like the elusive mermaid, this pretty pink wine smells like strawberry milkshake, fresh squeezed lemonade, hibiscus flower and white pepper. Gorgeous flavors of blackberry, raspberry, peach, tangerine, Madagascar vanilla, and rose petal complete the experience. This wine is a chameleon and would be a fun one to taste in a black glass as I think it could masquerade as a red, or white wine, if the person couldn't see the color. I am super stoked about this wine! Cheers, and let the games begin.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION

Sophia Favalora Vineyard,
Contra Costa County

COMPOSITION

100% Zinfandel

ALCOHOL

14.1%

pH

3.6

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.61g / 100ml

BARRELS

100% stainless steel

CASES PRODUCED

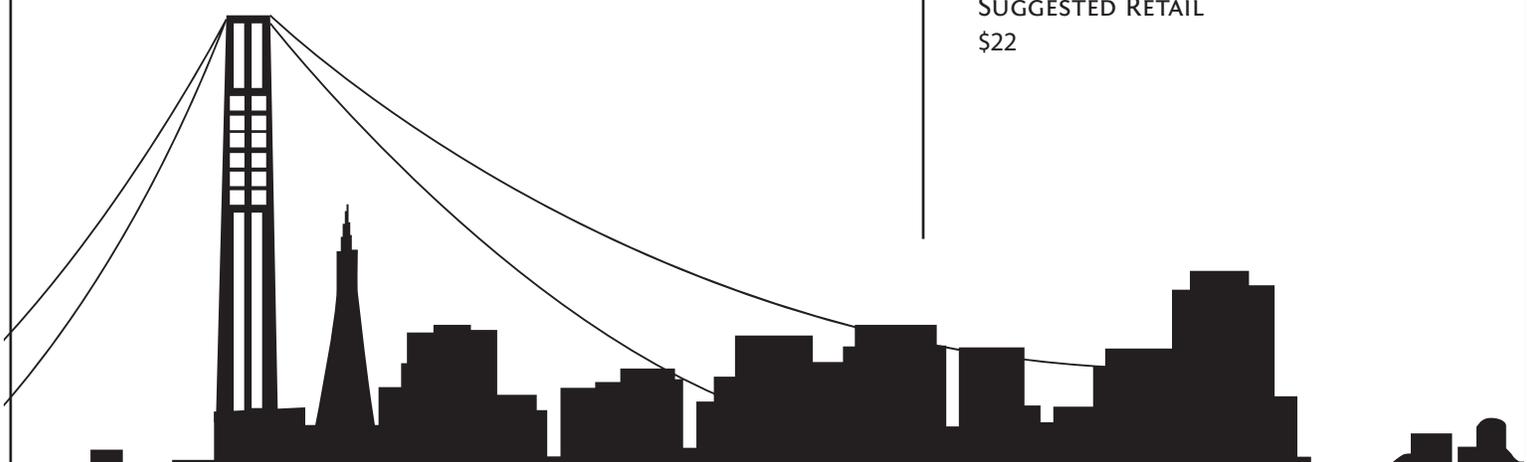
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