

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2017

ZINFANDEL

ST. PETER'S CHURCH VINEYARD

VINEYARD NOTES

This unsuspecting location for a century-old vineyard sits in back of the St. Peter's Catholic Church in the middle of Cloverdale. Still owned by the parish, and farmed by the late Ulises Valdez, this vineyard consistently produces very special fruit. This vineyard has somehow managed to survive, prosper, and lend its budwood to a new generation of Zinfandel. The two-acre block of old vine Zinfandel is actually relatively free of the viruses that plague so many of California's old vineyards. The reason for this is that the vines are so old, they were planted before the leafroll virus infected rootstock sources in the early part of the 20th century. The vineyard was laid out with Zinfandel planted in the middle and other varieties such as Carignane, and an old "field blend" assortment of heirloom varieties around the outside. Ulises was very careful to drop lots of fruit from the vine to ensure the concentration and robust flavor of the grapes.

PRODUCTION

Pick Date: 9/1/2017

Fermentation: 7 tons fermented in tank with two pump overs daily, and 2 tons fermented in ton macro bins with two punch downs per day

Yeast: D80 to tank and RP15 to macro bins

Malolactic: Elios 1

Bottled: 7/2018

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Man, St. Peter's Church. To drink a glass of St. Peter's Church is to drink a history lesson in California wine. This vineyard is a viticultural antiquity, and we are truly blessed to make wine from it. Vintage to vintage this wine smells like sugarplum. In addition, there are lovely notes of raspberry, black cherry, cinnamon, sarsaparilla, cedar, cherry vanilla milkshake, boysenberry (my dad's favorite jam btw) and freshly cracked pepper.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION
Alexander Valley

COMPOSITION
95% Zinfandel
5% Petite Sirah

ALCOHOL
15.51%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
0G/100ML

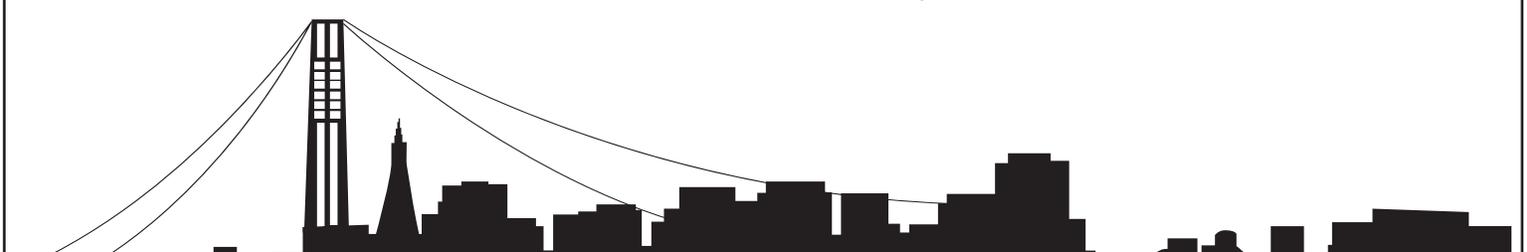
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3.60

TOTAL ACIDITY
0.58G / 100ML

BARRELS
70% neutral Oak
15% new French Oak
15% new American Oak

RELEASE DATE
September 2018

SUGGESTED RETAIL
\$55



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