

# Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2017

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH ZINFANDEL

### 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 Ulisses Valdez, this vineyard consistently produces very special fruit. This vineyard has somehow managed to survive, and 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 the Zinfandel planted in the middle, with other varieties such as Carignane, and an old "field blend" assortment of heirloom varieties as well, around the outside. Ulisses 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

Barrels: 15% new French oak, 15% new American oak, 70% neutral oak

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. Consistently, Vintage to vintage this wine smells like sugarplum. In addition, there are consistently lovely notes of raspberry, briary 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

#### PH

3.60

#### TOTAL ACIDITY

0.58g / 100ml

#### RELEASE DATE

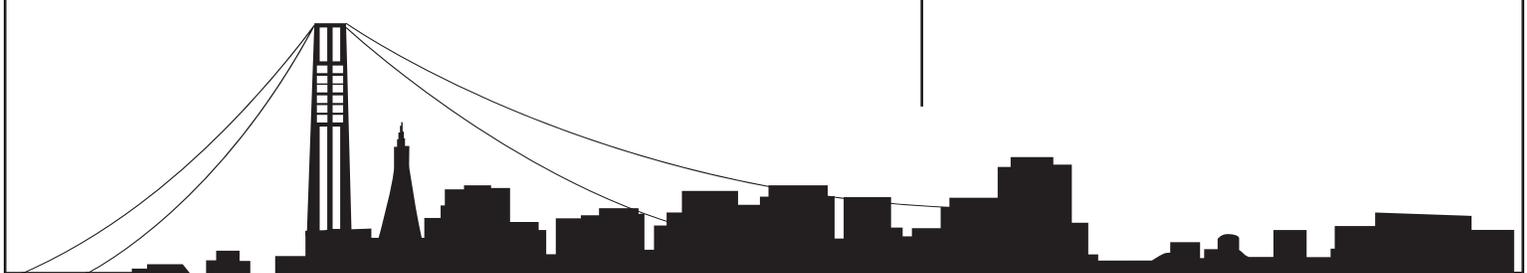
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#### Cases Produced:

452

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$55



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