

La Storia

ZINFANDEL

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE

2015



WINEMAKER NOTES

2015 Harvest began with one of the earliest bud breaks in history. Our Old Vine block 601 Sangiovese was the first one to awaken in February 18th. The rest of the varieties followed with 3 weeks earlier than normal bud break and as you may guessed it the harvest started record early as well. The growing conditions were good with the exception of a cold weather during the bloom that caused low fruit set resulting in yields below normal to as low as 50% off on our Cabernet blocks. The best thing about the early harvest is that the malolactic fermentations finished quickly due to the warm weather.

The 2015 Trentadue Zin was made mostly from our Blocks 303 Zinfandel and Block 404 Petite Sirah. All Zin blocks in 2015 were harvested September 8th. Portion of the lots were co-fermented with small amounts of Petite Sirah for better color and additional blueberry aromas. About 30 % of the grapes were fermented in small ½ ton open top fermenters for additional complexity of aromas and textures. The wine is bright and lively with concentrated “Zini” aromas predominant dark cherry, blueberry and plums and some of the typical raisins aromas. The fine oak barrel aging brings in subtle aromas of vanilla, brown sugar and slight toast and smokiness. The mouth feel is solid, with medium to full body and very soft and elegant tannins that accentuate the wine’s long and juicy finish with lively acidity. Zinfandels when balanced are very versatile food pairing wines with broad range and this wine will satisfy your palate with many of your favorite dishes. The wine is delicious now but with some patients and proper aging in 2-5 years it will be even better.

Cheers!

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL 84% Zinfandel 13% Petite Sirah 2% Carignane 1% Merlot	PRODUCTION 3094 Cases BOTTLED February, 2017 RELEASE DATE February, 2017 ALCOHOL 14.9%	AGING 16months in 27% new American 20% 1 year old mixed American and European oak RESIDUALSUGAR . 4% pH 3.71 TOTAL ACID .61g/100ml
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