



*Our family creates wines of distinction for everyone.*



## 2020 CYRUS - 750ml

<b>Appellation:</b> Alexander Valley	<b>Blend:</b> Cabernet Sauvignon 64% Merlot 25% Cabernet Franc 7% Petit Verdot 2% Malbec 2%	<b>Harvest Date:</b> 9/10 - 10/15/20	<b>Alcohol:</b> 14.5% <b>pH:</b> 3.59 <b>TA:</b> 6.8 g/L <b>RS:</b> 0.26 g/L	<b>Cases:</b> 3,696 (6 pks) <b>UPC:</b> 0-85798 11062-9 <b>SRP:</b> \$75
<b>First Vintage:</b> 1995		<b>Cave Aged:</b> 12 months prior to blending, 12 months after blending		

In 1840 Alexander Valley namesake Cyrus Alexander rode into our valley and called it the "brightest and best spot in the world". He chose this spot to build his home and raise his family, and many years later we would do the same. Our 26th release is our tribute to the man, the region and the best of the vintage.

Varietal	Lots	Aging	Aromatics	Traits
Cabernet Sauvignon	5	French & American oak	Complex, chocolate, spice, vanilla, cassis & dark fruits	Dark fruit black cherry, blackberry, big grippy tannins
Merlot	2	French & American oak	Slightly floral	Fruit forward - cherry, cassis & plum
Cabernet Franc	2	French oak	Strong floral, blueberry & dark fruit	Dark chocolate, cassis & vanilla
Malbec	1	French oak	Floral & red fruit	Intense inky color, deep flavors of raspberry & candied fruit
Petit Verdot	1	French oak	Blueberry & vanilla	Dark inky purple color, great acidity on the finish

The 2020 growing season enjoyed near-perfect growing conditions. The year began with unseasonably warm temperatures, and lower than normal rainfall, followed by weeks of steady daytime heat and cool evenings, allowed the grapes to ripen evenly. At harvest, the quality of the fruit was excellent with high acidity and intense flavors. After harvest each lot was fermented and cave aged separately for 12 months, blended to showcase the vintage, then cave aged for an additional 12 months in French oak barrels to meld the flavors. Additional bottle aging resulted in a seamless blend.

The saturated dark purple color hints lets you know that this is a big wine. Layered, earthy aromas of cassis, black cherry, cherry, cedar, dark chocolate, vanilla and oak fill the glass. The 2020 is rich and full-bodied with beautifully integrated tannins and excellent balance. Cassis, dark chocolate, loads of dark fruits, black cherry and barrel spice along with a structured long finish keep you coming back for another sip. Decant and enjoy now or age for future pleasure.

### Profile:

Expressive, aromatic, elegant and balanced.

### Accolades:


**2020: 95 points** - *The Tasting Panel*

**2020: Double Gold Medal** - *San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo 2025 International Wine Competition*


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A blend of our finest Bordeaux lots from each vintage, Cyrus is meticulously crafted by winemaker Kevin Hall to be the benchmark wine of not only Alexander Valley Vineyards, but the entire valley. Blessed with ideal grape growing conditions, the Alexander Valley exemplifies rich, plush Cabernet Sauvignon, and its finest ambassador to Cyrus. Alexander Valley Vineyards is located on the original homestead of Cyrus Alexander, a nineteenth-century pioneer and namesake of the valley. The Wetzel family has grown grapes here since 1963, while the winery was built in 1975.

Produced and bottled by  
ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS  
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**GOVERNMENT WARNING** (1)  
ALCOHOL TO THE SICKEN CHERRY. WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.



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