

# 2021 Zinfandel - 750ml

Appellation: Blend: Harvest Date: Alcohol: 14.5% Cases: 6,146

Alexander Valley Zinfandel 100% 9/4 - 9/21/21 pH: 3.73 UPC: 0-85798 66614-0

First Vintage: Cave Aged: TA: 6.5 g/L SRP: \$24

2015 Cave Aged.
RS: 0.88 g/L

Alexander Valley Vineyards and the Wetzel family have a long history with Zinfandel. The legacy began with Sin Zin in 1978 when Hank produced our first vintage of Alexander Valley Zinfandel for friends and family. We followed up with Redemption featuring Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel in 2001 and in 2004 produced a completely different style of wine using a blend of our three favorite regions of Zinfandel for Temptation. We've loved all three over the decades, yet we've always had a soft spot for the elegant, jammy and spicy fruit flavors of Zinfandel from the Alexander Valley. This seventh release celebrates that style along with our classic Alexander Valley Vineyards label.

The 2021 growing season enjoyed near-perfect growing conditions. The year began with unseasonably warm temperatures, and lower than normal rainfall. This was followed by weeks of steady daytime heat and cool evenings, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly. Harvest began on September 4th. At harvest, the quality of the fruit was excellent with high acidity and intense flavors. The wine was cave aged for 16 months in American oak barrels.

This wine has great color, with a dark purple and red hue. There are spicy, earthy aromas of dark fruits, black cherry, black pepper, plum, and strawberry. The 2021 Zinfandel is a spicy wine with rich flavors of black and red cherry, plum, boysenberry, black pepper, apricot and chocolate. This is a full bodied Zinfandel to savor with hints of brown sugar and warm spices along with great balance and a nice clean finish.

#### **Profile:**

Dark fruits, brown sugar and warm spices.

### **Pairing Suggestions:**

Grilled meats, roasted poultry, stews, Italian dishes and hard cheeses.

#### Accolades:

**2021: 90 points** - Wine Spectator **2021: 92 points** - James Suckling

**2021: Gold Medal & Class Champion** - HLSR Intl Wine Competition

**2019:** Wine Spectator Top 100 Wine 2023 (only Zinfandel on the list) Wine Spectator - 91 points

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Alexander Valley has been a favorite of the Wetzel family for decades. Warm days and cool nights stars a balance of firperal and acidity in the grapes. After fermenation we beard age the wise in American calx to add depth and complexity. Entiting aromass hint at the luscious fruit in this wine. In the glass there are flavors of supplerry, black cherry and plum, long with back peper and spice and a long fecused finish. The Wetzel Family Educar, beared on the property settled in the 189% by Alexander Valley anuseake Cyrus Alexander, showcases the history, tradition and excellence of the region.

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS, U) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABULTY TO DRIVE A CAR OR O PERTAM MACHINETY AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBE BLY.

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