

## 2022 Homestead Red Blend - 750ml

Appellation: Alexander Valley First Vintage:

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Blend: Zinfandel 43% Merlot 39% Mourvèdre 5% Syrah 5% Grenache 5% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Harvest Date: 8/9 - 10/18/22

Cave Aged: 14 months French & American oak barrels

Alcohol: 14% pH: 3.65 TA: 6.0 g/L RS: 0.49 g/L Cases: 10,500 UPC: 0-85798 66608-9 SRP: \$24

Homestead Red Blend celebrates winemaking in Northern Sonoma County's Alexander Valley. The 2022 is a blend of six of our favorite grapes. Each varietal adds complexity and dimension to this well balanced wine. Spicy, Zinfandel and rich, concentrated Merlot anchor the blend, along with Mourvèdre for additional texture, Syrah for more bright spicy flavors and floral, Grenache for berry flavors, and Cabernet Sauvignon for elegant structure.

2022 kicked off with a lack of rain from the ongoing drought, warm spring, and early summer. Relatively mild summer temperatures allowed the grapes to mature evenly. Harvest began quickly and yields were a bit lighter than in prior vintages. At harvest, the quality of the fruit was excellent with natural acidity and intense flavors.

Each individual lot for Homestead Red Blend was picked, fermented and cave aged separately for 14 months in French and American oak barrels to maximize the complexity and broaden the flavors in the glass.

This dark purple wine has aromas of spice, berries, strawberry, red cherry, raspberry, slight leather, oak and vanilla. This is a medium bodied wine with spicy dark fruit flavors of black and red cherry, plum, cherry, oak, vanilla and dark fruits. Homestead Red Blend is lush and juicy with beautiful balance and a long structured finish.

## **Profile:**

Aromatic, juicy berry flavors. Medium bodied, nicely balanced.

## **Pairing Suggestions:**

Perfect with red meats. Try it with burgers, grilled meats and vegetables, classic shepherds pie or long slow braised dishes.

## Accolades:

**2021: 90 points** - James Suckling **2020: 92 points** - James Suckling **2019: 95 points** - Beverage Dynamics



