

2012

ALEXANDER VALLEY

zinfandel

VARIETY: 93% zinfandel, 7% petite sirah**APPELLATION:** Alexander Valley**DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST:** 24.3**pH:** 3.73**ALCOHOL:** 14.6%**CELLAR RECOMMENDATION:** Enjoy this wine through 2018

VINIFICATION NOTES: The Alexander Valley zinfandel is the outcome of an incredible collaboration between our winemaker Joe Healy and our consulting winemaker, Michael Dashe. Picked from the beginning of September to the beginning of October and fermented for an average of 20 days, with twice-daily pumpovers. Zinfandel for the Alexander Valley blend was allowed to age in barrel, 20% new for 18 months before being blended.

SENSORY NOTES: The 2012 Alexander Valley has pleasing brambly fruit aromas and violets, which lead into black pepper, black cherry and a lush mouthfeel and bright finish.

VINEYARD NOTES: Fruit for this blend was sourced primarily from two vineyards. The Todd Brothers Vineyard, which is located in the Alexander Valley, has a west-facing hillside with deep red, rich soils, which offer minerality and tannic structure to the grapes. Our Big River Ranch, which has the unique location of straddling the Alexander and Russian River Valleys, allowing for slower-ripening fruit, which provides complexity and elegance.

HARVEST NOTES: The 2012 harvest had what winemaker Joe Healy called, “absolutely ideal growing conditions.” Picture-perfect weather led to an abundance of high-quality fruit.

VINEYARD DETAILS:**CLONE:** Various**SOIL TYPE:** Clay, heavy loam**ELEVATION:** 250 feet**VINE SPACING:** Various**YIELD PER ACRE:** 1.5-3 tons**ROOTSTOCK:** Various**YEAR PLANTED:** 1907-1970**TRELLISING STYLE:** Cordon, head-trained**IRRIGATION:** Minimal drip**RETAIL PRICE:** \$28. 860 cases produced

Bella

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