

ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS



Limited production wines that focus on some of the *best and unique* lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites.

Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.
750ml 6 bottle case Allocated

The 2010 Series: Old Vine Zinfandel

Winemaker Kevin Hall selected Alexander Valley zinfandel from a single hillside vineyard planted in 1965 on the neighboring Sausal Estate. These giant, gnarly old vines are head trained and spur pruned, yielding small clusters with fewer grapes per vine. The clusters had uniform, even ripening with amazing concentration and deep flavor of ripe fruit. Overall, 2010 was a cool growing year with fewer heat spikes than in the past few years. Diligent vineyard management was the key to achieving great fruit development and uniform ripening. The grapes had good structure, balance and complexity at harvest.

The small lot was cold soaked for 24 hours, then inoculated with a yeast that enhances the zinfandels inherent fruitiness and spiciness. After fermentation and pressing, the wine was aged for 22 months in 8 American oak barrels to develop complexity and soften the tannins .

On the nose there are aromas of dried fruit, brown sugar, molasses and blueberry. In the glass there is are fresh flavors with more blueberry and chocolate with nice acidity on the finish. Take time to savor this glass, we only produced 220 cases.

Food Pairing: Big, foods pair well with this big wine - try grilled meats, Italian dishes, or even spicy Latin or Cuban influenced recipes.

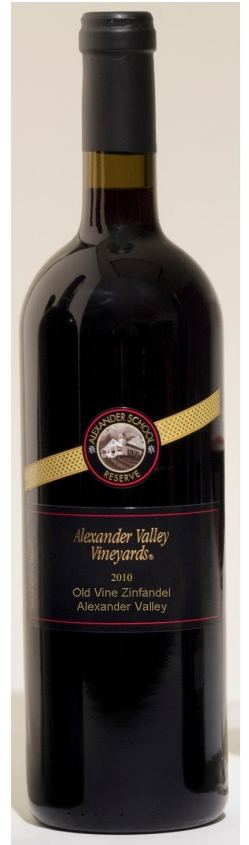
Accolades: 2010: 89 points - *Connoisseurs Guide to California Wines*

Profile:

- Blueberry and chocolate
- Elegant with complex nuances and lingering finish

About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased 600 acres of Cyrus Alexander's 1840's homestead in 1962. They started planting grapes in 1963 and from the beginning they realized that the property that stretched from the banks of the Russian River to the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains was a very special place. The Wetzel Family Estate has a rich diversity of soil types, elevations, exposures and microclimates giving AVV winemaker Kevin Hall grapes that showcase the terroir and the special place that we call home, Alexander Valley.



Technical Data:

Grapes: 100% Zinfandel

Harvest Dates: September 22, 2010

Yield: 2 tons per acre

Barrel regimen: 22 months aging in 8 60 gallon American Oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.4% **Closure:** Cork

UPC: 0-85798 -10005-7 **Production:** 220 cases



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