

# 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 2014 Series: Old Vine Zinfandel

Winemaker Kevin Hall selected Alexander Valley Zinfandel from a single 55 year old hillside vineyard near the winery for this exceptional wine. These giant, gnarly old vines are head trained and spur pruned, yielding small clusters with fewer grapes per vine. The clusters ripened evenly, producing deeply concentrated flavors of fruit.

The 2014 growing season was very similar to 2013. The ongoing drought combined with a mild winter and spring caused an early bud break, but the overall length of the growing season was similar to past years. The lack of rain did not impact our fruit due to moderate temperatures throughout the growing season and the grapes ripened evenly and reached peak maturity about two weeks earlier than in 2013. The grapes had excellent quality and harvest proceeded at a fairly quick pace. While news of the drought dominated conversations everywhere, there was an upside; the grapes had rich, concentrated flavors, much like the 2013s.

The small lot was cold soaked for 24 hours, then inoculated with a yeast that enhanced the Zinfandel's inherent fruitiness and spiciness. After fermentation and pressing, the wine was aged for 21 months in American oak barrels to develop complexity and soften the tannins.

On the nose there are aromas of spicy dark fruits, plum, chocolate, graphite, molasses, blueberry, oak and vanilla. In the glass there are flavors of dark fruits, spice, graphite, oak, vanilla, slight stone fruit and chocolate. This Zinfandel has nice acidity and a long finish. This wine is all about complexity and nuances, take time to savor this glass.



**Accolades:** 2013: 90 points - *Wine Advocate*

### Profile

- Berry and spice with grippy tannins
- Rich, full bodied with silky texture

### 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 13, 2014

**Barrel regimen:** 21 months in American Oak barrels

**Alcohol:** 16.3%

**Closure:** Cork **Suggested Retail Price:** \$45

**Production:** 313 cases



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