

2015 Temptation Zinfandel

Temptation Zinfandel tantalizes with captivating aromas and seduces with alluring flavors. At harvest Kevin Hall selects the grapes that showcase bright berries and spice from our three favorite zinfandel regions for this easy drinking, casual wine.

The western drought continued in 2015 and was once again the topic of much discussion. A cool spring, rain at bloom and hot July along with the continued effects from the lack of rain contributed to lower yields. As a result the grapes had terrific concentration and superb fruit flavors at harvest. Each lot was de-stemmed, fermented separately, then aged in American oak barrels for 15 months.

The Suisun Valley (81%) Zinfandel adds ripe, jammy flavors, the Alexander Valley (13%) Zinfandel has elegant red fruit flavors of raspberry and strawberry, while a touch of Dry Creek Valley (6%) Zinfandel brings a little structure and black fruit to the blend.

This purple hued wine has earthy aromas of plum, strawberry jam, fruit leather, black cherry and apricot. There are ripe flavors of red cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry, cocoa powder and black pepper. This mouth-filling, medium bodied wine is a crowd pleaser with a structured, juicy fruit finish.

Food Pairing: This fruity wine works with a wide variety of fun foods - grilled meats, BBQ and Italian dishes top our list. For a different twist try a roasted pork Cubano sandwich or a turkey panini with bacon chipotle jam.

Accolades: **2015: 94 points & Platinum Medal - Critics Challenge**
2014: 90 points - Wine Enthusiast
2013: 91 points & Gold Medal - Natalie Maclean 89 points - Wine & Spirits Magazine
2012: 87 points - Beverage Testing Institute

Profile: • **Fruit forward, crowd pleaser** • **Great value**

Label Artwork:

What better image to illustrate temptation than Adam and Eve and the first sin? Our inspiration for the label was the c. 1511 mosaic by Raphael that decorates the reception area of the Papal Apartments in the Vatican. It is known as "Stanza della Segnatura"- Room of the Signatura. With a gold leaf background the mosaic is one of the most stunning images created by Raphael and is seen by millions in the Vatican Museum in Rome. Healdsburg artist Chris Blum made a few changes to the original image including the strategic addition of grape leaves and grapes to carry through our wine connection.

Technical Data:

Grapes: 100% Zinfandel
Harvest Dates: August 24 - September 9, 2015
Barrel Aging: 15 months American oak
Closure: Stelvin
Appellation: California
First Vintage: 2004 **UPC:** 0 85798 07862 2
Alcohol: 14.9% **pH:** 3.85 **TA:** 6.0 g/L
UPC: 0-85798 07862-2 **SRP:** \$14

