

La Storia

Cuveé 32

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE

RED WINE

2018



#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 season had an interesting but moderate mix of conditions. The year started slowly with little pressure from the weather providing the grapes with a long hang time to develop ripeness and flavor maturity without over ripening. In early October, Mother Nature delivered a quick tango of heavy rain that prompted us to use canopy management techniques to open the fruit zone, allowing the sun and wind to dry out the remaining fruit. Even though more than an inch of rain fell during the middle of harvest, it had no impact on Cabernet and little or no impact on Zinfandel grapes. Overall, fruit quality has been excellent with very little shrivel and little or no rot. Our harvest began at somewhat normal time almost a month later than the 2017.

Our 2018 Cuvee 32 is the 21st vintage of this blend for Trentadue Winery. In retrospect our “Super Tuscan” blend has been highly successful and consistently our top selling wine in the Tasting Room. Every vintage has uniquely different blend determined by the best expression of its components and how they work together. Our young Montepulciano has become an important player in the blend as well as our Brunello Clone Sangiovese. The 2018 vintage produced wines with dark red color, bright fruit and firm acidity and well-structured tannins destined to age well. The 2018 Cuvee 32 has intense cherry/cassis aromas contributed by the Sangiovese followed by deeper red fruit aromas of plums, blueberry, and a hint of pomegranate. Typical for the blend is an enticing mixture of herbs and spices making the wine particularly enjoyable with Italian style food. With more air the wine shows more complex yet still in developing stage aromas and flavors of cocoa, cinnamon, leather, and black licorice. The mouth feel is medium to full with relatively high, food friendly acidity and a long and fresh finish. Drink now through 2028. Cheers!

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL	PRODUCTION	ALCOHOL
45% Sangiovese	1897 Cases	14.5%
31% Montepulciano	BOTTLED	RESIDUAL SUGAR
24% Merlot	March 3rd, 2020	.3%
APPELLATION	RELEASE DATE	pH
Alexander Valley Estate	December, 2019	3.65
WINEMAKER	AGING	TOTAL ACID
Miro Tcholakov	16 months in 20% new French oak. 100% barrel aged	.63g/100ml