

La Storia

ZINFANDEL

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE

2020



WINEMAKER NOTES

It would be easy to say that 2020 grape harvest season was challenging but that would be a great understatement. Between the fires, the smoke and COVID-19 safety guidelines, stress levels were at all-time high for all winemakers throughout the West Coast. I have 20 harvests at Trentadue (30 total in California) under my belt, but this one was absolutely the most challenging vintage of my career (the previous was 2019). The vintage started early and finished earlier than usual. We harvested most Zinfandel blocks and some Petite Sirah before the Labor Day heatwave but all the Bordeaux variety grapes still had weeks to ripen on the vine so we gave them the time to recover knowing that we may have a problem with the smoke from the fires. Alexander Valley, where all of our Estate is located, was relatively far from all fires this year. In short-we are glad the vintage is over, and the wines are safe in the barrels. So far none of the wines show any unusual taste or smell, as a matter of fact due to the small crop, the wines are very concentrated and lush.

All Zin blocks in 2020 were harvested in early September with relatively higher acids and sugar. About 10% of the grapes were fermented in small ½ ton open top fermenters for additional complexity of aromas and textures. The wine is bright and lively with intense varietal aromas of Bing cherry, blueberry, and plums and a hint of violets. The fine oak barrel aging brings in subtle aromas of vanilla, maple, cocoa beans and slight toast and smokiness. The mouth feel is solid, with medium to full body and very soft and elegant tannins that accentuate the wine's long and juicy finish with lively acidity. Zinfandels when balanced are very versatile food pairing wines with broad range and this wine will satisfy your palate with many of your favorite dishes. The wine is delicious now but with some patience and proper aging in 2-5 years it will be even better.

Cheers!

MIRO TCHOLAKOV

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL
98% Zinfandel

1% Petite Sirah

1% Malbec

APPELLATION
Alexander Valley Estate

WINEMAKER
Miro Tcholakov

PRODUCTION
2,294 Cases

BOTTLED
November 4, 2021

RELEASE DATE
December 2021

ALCOHOL
14.5%

AGING
13 months in 25% new
American oak and French
oak

RESIDUALSUGAR 0.37%
pH 3.67

TOTAL ACID
.63g/100 ml