La Storia

Leo's Red Blend
ALEXANDER VALLEY
2023



The 2023 Vintage was one of the coolest and latest vintages I've seen in the last two decades. The rain was much needed and with more than 55 inches was double than normal and helped replenish the reservoirs and nourish the vines. In February the temperatures dropped below freezing and we had snow on the valley floor! The precipitation also brought extra canopy growth and led to 5% to 15% higher yields for most varieties. Our viticulture team was diligent in thinning and doing crop adjustments where necessary. This was key to achieving a balanced crop and promoting ripening in a very late year. Overall, the entire season was late from bud break through verasion and finally ripening and harvest. As a result of the long and slow ripening the 2023 vintage wines are deeply flavorful, beautifully colored, dense and concentrated with moderate alcohol. The tannin, structure and acidity of these wines resembles some of the best European vintages. The 2023 vintage will be most likely one of the most memorable and age-worthy we had in a long time.

2023 Leo Red Blend is our first Zinfandel based blend with that designation. It is a homage to the founder of Trentadue Winery-Leo Trentadue. All Zin blocks in 2023 were harvested in mid-October with relatively higher acids and moderate sugar. About 12% of the grapes were fermented in small ½ ton open top fermented for additional complexity of aromas and textures. The wine has intense varietal aromas of dark cherry, plums, blackberry jam and a hint of violets. The fine oak barrel aging brings in subtle aromas of vanilla, maple syrup, cocoa beans and slight toast. The mouth feel is solid, with full body and very soft and elegant tannins that accentuate the wine's long and juicy finish with moderate 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
89% Zinfandel
8% Petite Sirah
1% Carignane
2% Merlot

APPELLATION
Alexander Valley

WINEMAKER
Miro Tcholakov

PRODUCTION
560 Cases

HARVESTED
October, 2023

RELEASE DATE
February 2025

AGING
14 months in 15% new American & European oak
100% barrel aged

ALCOHOL
14.7%

RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.25%

pH
3.62

TOTAL ACID
5.9g/L

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