



GANN FAMILY CELLARS

2006 Alexander Valley Zinfandel

Sonoma County

Estate Vineyard notes:

Our Zinfandel block is perched on a knoll overlooking the Russian River as it slowly meanders through the country town of Healdsburg. The vines are based on the now historic St. George rootstock and utilize the traditional head-trained pruning method. We use a Zinfandel clone called Big River Ranch named after the ancient 110 year old vines from the adjacent vineyard where the scion wood was sourced. This particular block consists of well-drained Hugo Clough Gravelly Loam soils.

Growing Season & Harvest notes:

2006 was characterized as a moderate season which lagged two weeks behind average. The cooler temperatures provided for even ripening of fruit throughout spring and summer. The moderate weather allowed for extended hang time as we patiently waited for the full flavors to develop.

Winemaking notes:

Our grapes cold soak for five days with gentle daily punch downs, followed by inoculation and twice daily punch downs days 6-8. A submerged cap system and daily pump-overs were used for the remainder of the 15 day fermentation. After fermentation completed, the wine was transferred to oak barrels (40% new) with a combination of 60% French and 40% American and aged for 17 months. We blended a small amount of Petite Sirah to add color and structure resulting in a wine of immense depth of fruit and complexity.

Tasting notes:

Classic Zinfandel aromas of berries and spice. Moderate tannins and a rich texture provide an intriguing mix of evolving flavors and persistent finish. Enjoy with BBQ'd meats, medium cheeses (Cheddar & smoked Gouda), or chocolate covered strawberries. 4-5 years aging potential.

Wine Statistics:

Brix: 27.2° (at harvest)

Alcohol: 15.8%

TA: 6.9g/L

pH: 3.69

Additional Information:

Harvested: Oct. 20, 2006

Bottled: Apr. 15, 2008

Cases Produced: 417

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