

Alexander Valley

## 2021 ZINFANDEL

CURRENT RELEASE

VINTAGE

2021

VARIETAL

91% Zinfandel, 9% Petite Sirah

**APPELLATION** 

Alexander Valley

VINEYARD / ELEVATION

The Railvard / 230'

SOILS / PRUNING / TRELLIS

Gravel, Loam / Spur pruned / CA Sprawl 4 wires

VINE AGE / ROOTSTOCK / CLONE

Planted 1982 / St. George / Field Selection

ALCOHOL / TA / pH

15.2% / 6.3g/L / 3.58

**FILTERING** 

Unfined / Unfiltered / Vegan

**BOTTLE AGE** 

16 Months

**BARRELS** 

French / Tight Grain / 15% New

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Drink Now

CASES PRODUCED

1,200 / 12-PACKS

WINEMAKER

Nick Goldschmidt





## **VINEYARD NOTES**

The best Zinfandel grapes come from Dry Creek and the Alexander Valley. Our Railyard Estate in Geyserville shows how Zinfandel and Petite Sirah complement each other perfectly: Zinfandel offers robust blackberry, anise, and pepper aromas and flavors. Petite Sirah brings color as well as blueberry, plummy fruit with roundness and structure. The Zinfandel returns adding grace, length, and elegance.

## VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2021 was one of the longest ripening seasons for the past two decades. Lack of water has created early, warm Spring soil temperatures that have contributed to the seasons starting earlier. Mother's Day weekend gave us a heat spike restricting berry expansion, but veraison was evened out by the cooling trend in August. Light yields with small berries and small clusters led to great concentration.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Deep dark purple in color with abundant aroms of dark, wild berries and warm spicy notes of cola and clove. Full-bodied and rich, this is a classic Zinfandel offeing up deep, complex flavors of blueberry pie, wild blackberry preserves and lastly, vanilla on the palate. This lush wine finishes with a velvety mouth feel.

GOLDSCHMIDT VINEYARDS WINES ARE DESIGNED TO SHOWCASE THE FINEST EXAMPLES OF SINGLE-VINEYARD BOTTLINGS, SOURCED FROM ALEXANDER VALLEY AND NAPA VALLEY/OAKVILL APPELLATIONS, USING SITE-SPECIFIC HARVESTS AND STATE-OF-THE-ART WINEMAKING, OUR WINES EMBODY EXCEPTIONAL RICHNESS, QUALITY AND BALANCE—HALLMARKS OF A WORLD-CLASS





