



2016

VARIETAL

95% Zinfandel

5% Petite Sirah

COOPERAGE

17 months French oak

ALCOHOL

15.1%

PRODUCTION

1,835 Cases

SRP

\$30

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Notes

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Russian River Valley – Zinfandel
Healdsburg, California

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POINTS

“Old vine Zin and a smattering of Petite Sirah make up this spicy, savory red. A nose of berries and brambles leads the way. White pepper and cinnamon are seasoning for a maple-cedar core. Plum and mulberry are joyfully fruity with an addition of an earthy tonality.”

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Winemaker Notes

The 2016 Russian River Valley Zinfandel is a blend of old vine Zinfandel and a touch of Petite Sirah from the orange, iron-rich soil of Ponzo Vineyard. The Zinfandel on its own is fruity and jammy and Petite Sirah brings in complementary dark fruit flavors and density, resulting in a blend that is full-bodied and well-structured.

Powerful spice aromas of cracked cinnamon sticks and black peppercorns mingle with ripe plum aromas and hints of mint chocolate. This full-bodied wine is soft on entry with a texture similar to that of milk chocolate. Ripe plums, cherry cordials and black currants show through on a rich and supple palate. The finish is long and persistent, embodied by dark fruits and baking spices.