

2016

VARIETAL 95% Zinfandel 5% Petite Sirah

COOPERAGE 17 months French oak

ALCOHOL 15.1%

PRODUCTION 1,835 Cases

SRP \$30 UPC 8 56442 00535 2

GEHRICKE Russian River Valley - Zinfandel

Healdsburg, California

90 INTS

"Slightly brooding, but that is part of the appeal. Offers deep blueberry, underbrush and licorice flavors that finish with refined tannins. Drink now through 2024."

WINE SPECTATOR December 2018

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.