

## 2019 Zinfandel, Todd Brothers Ranch Old Vines



### History

One of our premiere Sonoma County vineyards, the Todd Brothers Ranch has been our source of high-end Alexander Valley zinfandel since 1998. We believe this vineyard produces some of the most complex and flavorful wines in all of Sonoma County. This rocky red-soil slope in Geyserville, located on the northern tip of the valley, produces unusually small, intensely concentrated grapes. These 60-year-old head-trained vines consistently produce grapes with almost cabernet-like intensity and structure, yet still possessing the characteristic balance and sensuous texture of a zinfandel.

### Production

As always, the Todd Brothers Vineyard is one of our earliest ripening, and was picked on the fifth of September. The grapes were trucked to the winery in 1000 lb picking bins, and hand-sorted before the crusher to remove leaves or any less-than-perfect grapes.

In tank, the grapes were fermented using the yeasts on the surface of the grapes. This native yeast method maximizes flavor, color, and complexity from the grapes. At dryness, the wine was gently pressed in a membrane press and pumped to 120- and 60-gallon French oak barrels.

During the blending, we added a small amount of Petite Sirah from the Todd Brothers Ranch for body, spice and depth of flavor.

### Tasting Notes:

**Color:** Red-purple

**Aroma:** Black currents, blackberry, plum, chocolate, earthy forest floor, licorice, graphite, and subtle floral notes of violets. Spice notes of cedar and grey pepper.

**Taste:** Lush, very structured but balanced; a big wine with a sensuous texture. Blackberry, black current, and black cherry fruit, earth and minerals, garrigue (forest floor), firm acid and silky tannins in a very structured wine. Long, sweet, fruit finish of blackberry, peppery spice, and cassis.

### Production Notes:

#### Varietals

95% Zinfandel  
2% Petite Sirah

#### Appellation

Alexander Valley  
Sonoma County

#### Alcohol

14.5% by vol.

#### Time in oak

16 months

#### Oak

90% 1-year or older  
French oak; 10% new  
120 gal French Oak  
puncheons

#### Production

218 cases, 750ml