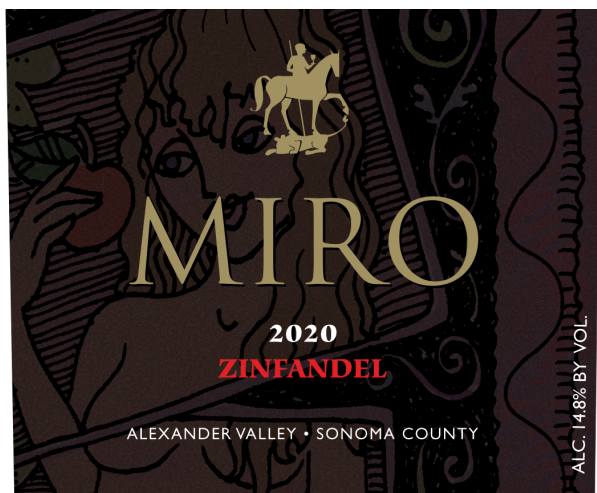




## 2020 ALEXANDER VALLEY ZINFANDEL



**HARVEST:** September 20, 2020

**BRIX:** 25.5°

**TA:** 0.63g/100ml **pH:** 3.67

**RS:** 0.4%

**BOTTLED:** March 15, 2022

**PRODUCTION:** 382 cases

**BLEND:** 97% Zinfandel;  
1% Petite Sirah;  
1% Malbec;  
1% Merlot

**Winemaker's Description:** The wine is bright, lively and concentrated. The predominant aromas are of dark cherry, blueberry, plums and some typical raisin aromas. The fine oak barrel aging brings in subtle aromas of vanilla, brown sugar, cinnamon, and slight toast. The mouthfeel is solid, and medium bodied. The soft and elegant tannins accentuate the wine's long, juicy finish. This wine will satisfy your palate with many of your favorite dishes.

**Vineyard** The grapes are from a vineyard situated on the rolling hills between California Highway 101 and Dutcher Creek Road in the Alexander Valley. The age of the vines varies from 45 to over 100 years old. Decomposed rock and brick red Manzanita-type soils are usually very well suited for low-pH Zins with deep red color and solid, age-worthy structure.

**The Vintage:** It would be easy to say that the 2020 grape harvest season was challenging, but that would be a significant understatement. Between the fires, the smoke, and COVID-19 safety guidelines, stress levels were high for all winemakers throughout the West Coast. I have 20 harvests at Trentadue (30 total in California) under my belt, but this one was the most challenging vintage of my career (the previous was 2019.) The vintage started early and finished earlier than usual. The yields were low due to dry conditions causing small clusters and small berries but ultimately very concentrated wines with deep dark colors.

**Winemaking:** We handled the fruit in the gentlest way possible, hand-sorted and fermented in small open-top fermenters with minimum hand punch-downs per day. As usual, the most effort was in extracting as much of the beautiful Zinfandel aromas without the harsh tannins. After the secondary, malolactic fermentation in barrels, the wine aged in 20% new European oak barrels for about 16 months.