

La Storia

ZINFANDEL

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE

2018



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 season had an interesting but moderate mix of conditions. The year started slow with little pressure from the weather providing the grapes with a long hang time to develop ripeness and flavor maturity without over ripening. In early October, Mother Nature delivered a quick tango of heavy rain that prompted us to use canopy management techniques to open the fruit zone, allowing the sun and wind to dry out the remaining fruit. Even though more than an inch of rain fell during the middle of harvest, it had no impact on Cabernet and little or no impact on Zinfandel grapes. Overall, fruit quality has been excellent with very little shrivel and little or no rot. Our harvest began at somewhat normal time almost a month later than the 2017.

The 2018 La Storia Zin is a blend of 63% Blocks 303 Zinfandel and 21% Block 305 with small percentage of the new Block 406 Petite Sirah. All Zin blocks in 2018 were harvested in mid to late September. About 15% of the grapes were fermented in small ½ ton open top fermenters for additional complexity of aromas and textures. The wine is bright and lively with intense “Zini” aromas of dark cherry, blueberry and plums and some of the typical raisins aromas. The fine oak barrel aging brings in subtle aromas of vanilla, maple, cinnamon and slight toast and smokiness. The mouth feel is solid, with medium to full body and very soft and elegant tannins that accentuate the wine’s long and juicy finish with lively acidity. Zinfandels when balanced are very versatile food pairing wines with broad range and this wine will satisfy your palate with many of your favorite dishes. The wine is delicious now but with some patience and proper aging in 2-5 years it will be even better. Cheers!

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TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL	PRODUCTION	AGING
84% Zinfandel	1974 Cases	15 months in 23% new American oak,
13% Petite Sirah	BOTTLED	100% barrel aged
2% Sangiovese	February 28, 2020	RESIDUALSUGAR
1% Malbec	RELEASE DATE	0.47%
APPELLATION	June, 2020	pH
Alexander Valley Estate	ALCOHOL	3.72
WINEMAKER	14.9%	TOTAL ACID .66g/100 ml
Miro Tcholakov		