



Stuhlmuller Vineyards



2017 ESTATE ZINFANDEL ALEXANDER VALLEY

PROPRIETOR
Fritz Stuhlmuller

WINEMAKER
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VINEYARDS

Stuhlmuller Vineyards, located in southern Alexander Valley, converges with two highly regarded Sonoma County appellations, Chalk Hill and Russian River Valley. On its eastern edge, the 150-acre vineyard borders the Russian River. Situated in a location that is part river benchlands and part hillside, the vineyard benefits from its alluvial gravel soils and the rockier soils of the hillside sections.

THE CLONES

At Stuhlmuller, two special blocks have been set aside for growing small amounts of Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. These vines are head pruned to augment the natural intensity of the hillside fruit. The budwood for this Zinfandel came from the prized 120-year-old Teldeschi clone, a legendary selection from Dry Creek Valley.

THE VINTAGE

After a wet spring that energized the vines, summer brought consistently warm weather to Sonoma County. Our vineyard set an average size crop, and thanks to a full canopy, we had ideal shade on the fruit. As a result, our vines produced pristine grapes, with excellent natural acidity, lovely balance, and pure varietal flavors.

WINEMAKING

Our Zinfandel and Petite Sirah were co-fermented as 100% whole berries in open-top tanks for 16 days on the skins. Aging was done in 50% French and 50% American oak barrels with 15% new oak. The wine was racked twice and spent 16 months in barrel.

THE WINE

This beautiful aromatic wine begins with dazzling notes of black raspberry, blood orange and rose, as well as aromas of cardamom and white pepper. On the palate, a rich, velvety texture and bright acidity add length and sophistication to the dark berry and Asian plum flavors, with hints sweet tobacco leaf and spice lingering on the energetic finish.

ALCOHOL
14.4%

COMPOSITION
91% Zinfandel, 9% Petit Sirah

pH
3.73

TOTAL ACIDITY
6.8 g/l

PRODUCTION
550 cases

RELEASE DATE
Fall 2020

BOTTLED
February 2019

SUGGESTED RETAIL
\$36.00