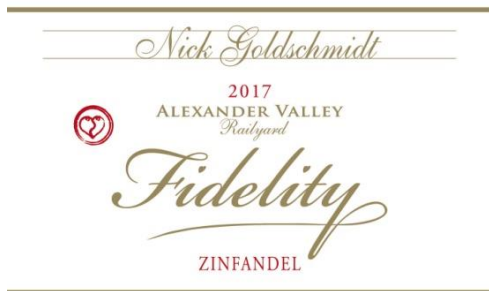


2017 *Fidelity*

Railyard Estate
ALEXANDER VALLEY
Zinfandel



The best Zinfandel grapes come from Dry Creek and the Alexander Valley. Our Railyard Estate in Geyserville (Alexander Valley) has supplied very famous brands for decades but now we use these grapes under our own label. This popular blend shows how Zinfandel and Petite Sirah complement each other perfectly: Zinfandel offers robust blackberry, anise and pepper aromas and flavors. Petite Sirah brings color as well as blueberry, plummy fruit with roundness and structure. The Zinfandel returns adding grace, length and elegance.

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2017

Release Date:

Varietal: 88% Zinfandel
12% Petite Sirah

Vineyard: Railyard Estate

Yield: 5.0 tons per acre

pH: 3.6

Titrateable Acidity: 5.7 g/L

Alc: 14.5%

Aging: 16 months

Barrels: 15% new French Oak

Cases Produced: 2,000

VINTAGE NOTES

It felt more like a normal year in Sonoma County verse 2016. Bud break came a bit early despite the cool spring. A very mild summer followed and ripening was slow and steady. However we did receive two heat spikes in the vintage which pushed things along nicely. Again the hang time for the fruit while different to 2016 was again very good. Perfect for flavor and tannin development with sugars staying in check. The clusters filled out with berries growing more normal in size. It was a little later than the last few vintages and harvest was a little compressed.

TASTING NOTES:

Our goal is to make Zinfandel in a way that is obvious in its fruits but an alcohol that makes it easy to have two glasses. Fresh black cherry fruit aromas with black pepper accents. Shows juicy blackberry, blueberry, and raspberry flavors. Beautiful depth and concentration with soft and supple fine-grain tannins. Finishes with a touch of mocha. Drink now or over the next 10 years.

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