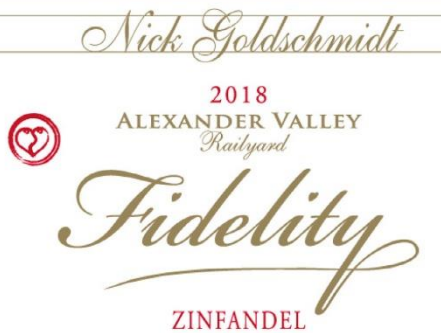


2018 *Fidelity*

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.

VINTAGE NOTES

Despite a warm February, the 2018 growing season started off cooler than the past few vintages. A cool spring meant bloom lasted longer than usual, but fruit set was consistent. In fact, the growing season started with near-perfect fruit set which led to large grape clusters. Summer temperatures were moderate with fewer heat spikes than in recent years. Veraison started later as well. As a result, harvest started two to three weeks later than in recent years, but this was historically more typical. Harvesting with cool mornings compared to the heat waves of 2017 was a pleasure and far less stressful.

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2018

Release Date: June 1, 2019

Varietal: 88% Zinfandel
12% Petite Sirah

Vineyard: Railyard Estate

Yield: 5.0 tons per acre

pH: 3.3.59

Titrateable Acidity: 6.2 g/L

Alc: 14.5%

Aging: 16 months

Barrels: 15% new French Oak

Cases Produced: 2000

TASTING NOTES:

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.

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