



## 2013 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

Appellation: Calistoga, Napa Valley

Varietals: 88% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah

Harvested: September 17, 2013

Cooperage: 65% New American Oak

Alcohol: 15.5%

Bottled: March 18, 2015

Released: June 1, 2014

Cases Produced: 768

This is our 21st vintage of Old Vine Zinfandel, crafted from the 90 year-old Frediani Vineyard in Calistoga, Napa Valley. This vintage is 88% Zinfandel and 12% Petite Sirah from the Rattlesnake Vineyard in Calistoga.

## **TECH DETAILS:**

Average Sugar: 25 Brix Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L pH: 3.88 RS: 6.2 g/L

## **FERMENTATION AND AGING:**

The fruit was sorted both in the vineyard and on the crush-pad, then gently crushed into small fermenters. Here we left the juice fermenting on the skins for ten days after inoculation with cultured Montrachet yeast. The wine went through a combination of punch-downs and pump-overs twice daily during this timeframe. The wine was racked into 65% new American oak barrels and left to age for twenty four months slowly going through native malo-lactic fermentation.

## **CHARACTERISTICS:**

This delicious wine opens with aromas of pepper, spice and black cherries. It has a rich, creamy palate followed by flavors of raspberries and brambles. This wine is structured and complex with a long finish of black pepper and good tannins. A perfect accompaniment with BBQ ribs, grilled lamb, spicy marinated beef, and blue cheese.





