



PELLEGRINI

WINE COMPANY

2019 ZINFANDEL A.V.

TASTING NOTES

A fine balance of delicacy and structure, the Pellegrini 2019 Alexander Valley Zinfandel spills over with boysenberry, marionberry, nutmeg, and brambles on the nose. Firm tannins and light hints of clove provide a backdrop for black cherry, raspberry, pomegranate.

WINEMAKING NOTES

At Pellegrini, our philosophy on making Zinfandel is quite simple, approach the great with the same attention to detail and gentleness that is required for making Pinot Noir. Our Zinfandel is hand sorted and destemmed direct to macro bin and then tipped into tanks, trying to preserve as many whole berries as possible. The grapes go through a 4 to 5-day cold soak before inoculation. Once in ferment, the grapes receive punch-downs three times per day with an occasional picking bin delestage for oxygen incorporation. As the sugar levels dwindle, so do the number of punch-downs per day. This will help keep this wine's supple and velvety texture intact. Our 2019 Zinfandel was aged for 10 months in French Oak with only 17% new oak barrels. This wine built to age gracefully, though can definitely still be enjoyed young.

VINEYARD NOTES

Zinfandel grapes were sourced entirely from the Carlin Vineyard on Alexander Valley Road. Just west of Jordan Vineyards, the Carlin Vineyard provides quite the geomorphic bounty to the table. The back of the vineyard sits on a steep south facing slope, with background hills which provide early shade for the fruit, at the apex of this hill starts a slight northern facing slope all the way down the property to the road which encompasses the remaining blocks. All blocks from the property are blended for one pick and single fermentation, including some white varieties vines interplanted in the oldest section of the vineyard, which adds to its naturally floral nose. Victoria and Michael Carlin purchased the vineyard in 2015, bringing new life to the Zinfandel vines. The vineyard covers approximately five acres with vine ages ranging from over 100 years to three years old. The more established blocks of the vineyard were planted by Leo Trentadue over three decades ago. Practicing sustainable farming methods has resulted in grapes that have a deep rich flavor in a small batch production.

AVA: Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

VINEYARD: Carlin Vineyard

VARIETAL: 100% Zinfandel

HARVEST: September 26, 2019

BOTTLED: August 11, 2020

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TA: 6.8 g/L

pH: 3.58

