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## vineyard

APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
SITE	The historic Alegria Vineyard, certified sustainable.
SOIL	Positas soil: alluvial river terrace, gravelly loam with a mix of oceanic and volcanic rocks smoothed by water.
VINES	Head-pruned 125-year-old and 65-year-old vines, grafted to St. George rootstock. Our blocks are approximately 80% Zinfandel, 10% Alicante Bouschet, 8% Petite Sirah and a 2% composite of Sangiovese, Carignane, Trousseau, Petit Bouschet, Syrah, Beclan, Tannat, Peloursin, Graciano, Plavac Mali, Palomino and Monbadon.
PLANTED	Originally planted in 1890. Part replanted in 1950 by Americo Rafanelli. Vines are spaced 7' x 4', oriented SSE to NNW. All vineyard work, except mowing and spraying, is done by hand. Each vine is managed as "an individual."

## vintage

GROWING SEASON	Winter 2015 was the warmest on record, resulting in early budbreak. Cooler, wetter weather in spring months slowed development, however, leading to a challenging, extended bloom period. The resulting uneven fruit set translated to a small crop and smaller berries with very concentrated flavors. Weather throughout the summer growing season was consistently warm, bringing on a very early harvest.
BRIX   HARVESTED	25.5° brix   September 12th

## winemaking

VARIETALS	80% Zinfandel   10% Alicante   8% Petite Sirah   2% 12 other varieties
FERMENTATION	Native yeast, 19-day fermentation and maceration. Pressed and barrelled down before native malolactic fermentation.
AGING	Aged on lees in neutral oak barrels for 14 months; bottled unfiltered.
CASES   ALCOHOL	1,200   14.5%
RELEASED   SRP	March 2017   \$27

## flavors

TEXTURE   PALATE	Traditional Zinfandel palate weight, not too heavy, with the added complexity of the other varietals.
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*"A unique blend of grape varietals from a heritage vineyard, half planted 125 years ago and the other half 65 years ago." - David Ramey*

