

ACORN

2011 Zinfandel

Heritage Vines™, Alegría Vineyards, Russian River Valley

At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blended wines. Our food-friendly wines fully express the fruit characteristics of the diverse grape varieties we grow at our Alegría Vineyards in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley.

To honor the land and maintain it for future generations, our farming is sustainable and labor-intensive. Inter-planting different varieties to be harvested together requires individualized attention to each vine. Hand tending, ten or more times a season, ensures a balanced crop and flavorful wines that are distinctive expressions of each vintage.

Betsy and Bill Nachbaur

Vineyard and Winemaking Notes

Our old Zinfandel vineyard—which dates back to 1890—reflects the pre-Prohibition practice of field blending. The ancient vines in Alegría Vineyards require extraordinarily focused individual attention, but the extra labor is justified by the resulting wine.

More than 17 grape varieties are inter-planted with the Zinfandel. We harvest and co-ferment the varieties together, which produces our Heritage Vines Zinfandel's distinctive complexity of aromas and flavors. This wine is literally blended from the day it is picked.

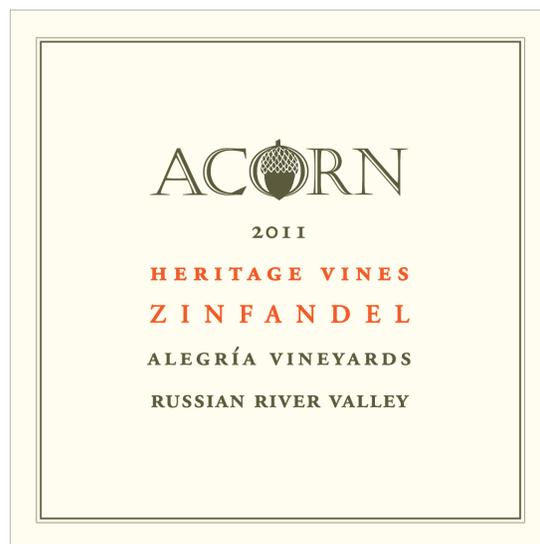
In 2011, the cool growing season in the Russian River Valley gave the vines extended time to fully mature and develop rich, concentrated flavors. The grapes were harvested in two lots because the younger, 90% Zin block ripened ahead of the older mixed blocks. Rigorous and painstaking hand sorting, both in the field and at the winery, assured that the highest quality grapes went into the fermenter. Bill's careful selection of oak barrels from diverse forests and coopers added notes of spice and tannin to the layered grape flavors.

Tasting Notes

In 2011, our ancient vines produced yet another classic vintage of Russian River Zin. The aromatics offer a seductive blend of ripe brambly wild berries with a generous dusting of freshly ground pepper, baking spices, and toasty oak.

The entry reveals a luscious concentration of black raspberry, dark cherry, and plum. Vanillin oak and spicy pepper appear as the flavors broaden and layer across the palate, with cocoa and coffee notes joining in at the long finish. As the wine opens, its depth, complexity, and sophistication shines through.

Pair this delicious Zin with eggplant parmesan, spicy sausage pizza, or short ribs with garlic mashed potatoes.



Composition

78% Zinfandel, 13% Alicante Bouschet, and 7% Petite Sirah. The remaining 2% of the field blend includes Carignane, Trousseau, Sangiovese, Petit Bouschet, Negrette, Syrah, Plavac Mali, Tannat, Muscat Noir, Peloursin, Béclan, Cinsaut, and Grenache.

Vintage	2011
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard	
Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	Oct. 2 & 17, 2011
Brix	26.4° Brix
Barrel Aging	12 months
Type of	50% French [30% new]
Oak Barrels	40% American [10% new] 10% Hungarian
Bottled	December 6, 2012
Case Production	504
Alcohol	14.5%
pH	3.6
T.A.	6.4g/L
Release Date	Fall 2013



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