

Bailarin Cellars

2019 Alegría Zinfandel



WINEMAKER NOTES

This beautifully balanced wine presents an enticing bouquet of floral tones with dried rose petals, lavender, and cherry blossoms leading into raspberry, cherry, cedar box, and leather aromas. The palate delights with flavors of plum, fig jam, and blackberry fruits dominating upfront, followed by middle notes of spice and hazelnut. A long finish echoes the spice and offers hints of cherry pie and raspberry bramble. This wine has excellent aging potential and can be enjoyed now or over the next ten to fifteen years as it continues to evolve.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

Our Alegría Zinfandel gains complexity from several other varietals peppered in during the early morning pick. The clusters were hand-sorted, destemmed, and crushed to release the juice and begin the extraction process from the skins. All of the fruit is co-fermented and aged together, making this a “field blend” of 78% Zinfandel and over a dozen other varietals. Fermentation with natural and cultured yeasts took place in jacketed, open-top tanks, and gentle, twice-daily pump-overs continued the extraction process. The wine was then aged for another eleven months in 30% new French oak.

FRUIT SOURCE: ALEGRÍA VINEYARD

The rich history of Alegría can be traced back to 1890 when the Heritage Vines were first planted. In 1990, the Nachbaur family acquired the Acorn Vineyard, becoming stewards of a century-old field-blend Zinfandel. Today, the vineyard spans across 26 acres and features 111 different grape varieties, all sustainably farmed beneath the shade of towering oak tress.

VINTAGE NOTES

Sonoma County experienced an almost perfect growing season in 2019, with a long winter bringing abundant rain that lasted until spring. The late bloom and slow growing season led to extended hang times under late summer sunshine for even ripeness throughout the vineyards and exceptional retention of natural acidity. Harvest was a full two weeks behind average, producing high-quality wines with bright, fresh acidity and complex fruit flavors.

THE WINERY

Bailarin Cellars was created in 2014 by a collective of family and friends, each following their respective passions. Together, we focus on producing small lots of handcrafted wines from unique vineyard sources. We are proud to share the fruits of our labor and love with you.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Composition: 78% Zinfandel, 11% Alicante Bouschet, 9% Petite Sirah. The remaining 2% includes Carignan, Trousseau [Bastardo], Sangiovese, Negrette, Plavac Mali, Palomino, Syrah, Tannat, Muscat Noir, Monbadon, Peloursin, Graciano, Cinsaut, Béclan, and Grenache (18 total varietals).

Barrel Time: 11 Months, 30% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.3%

Cases Produced: 225

Designations: Vegan, Single Vineyard

