

Bailarin Cellars

2019 Alegría Zinfandel



WINEMAKER NOTES

This beautifully balanced wine exudes a pretty bouquet of floral tones with dried rose petals, lavender, and cherry blossoms leading the way to raspberry, cherry, cedar box, and leather aromas. The palate delights with flavors of plum and blackberry fruits dominating upfront, followed by middle notes of spice and hazelnut. A long finish echoes the spice and brings cherry pie and raspberry bramble. This wine can be enjoyed now or over the next 10-15 years as it continues to age beautifully.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

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. Fermentation with natural and cultured yeasts took place in jacketed open top tanks; gentle, twice daily pump-overs continued the extraction process.

FRUIT SOURCE: AIEGRÍA 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 trees.

VINTAGE NOTES

Sonoma County experienced an almost perfect 2019 growing season, 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 2 weeks behind average, and the 2019 fruit produced quality wines with bright, fresh acidity and complex fruit flavors.

THE WINERY

Bailarín 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

