

Bailarin Cellars

2020 Alegría Zinfandel

WINEMAKER NOTES

This beautifully balanced Zinfandel blend begins with enticing aromas of cherry jam, orange marmalade, white pepper and dark chocolate. On the palate, notes of cherry cola and figs end on a long, oaky finish. 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 trees.

VINTAGE NOTES

Despite the challenging circumstances of 2020, our tailored and precise winemaking skills produced excellent wines. Dry soils from successive years of drought, early bud break and warm temperatures delivered short yields. But the extra stress on the vines led to intense 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: 189

Designations: Vegan, Single Vineyard

