2014 Two Patch zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 96% zinfandel, 4% petite sirah
APPELLATION: Alexander Valley
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.9
P.H: 3.65
ALCOHOL: 15.3%
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2021

VINIFICATION NOTES: Select zinfandel fruit was hand picked from the Big River Ranch and Todd Brothers Vineyard between September 9th and October 3rd, with the petite sirah being last picked. Fruit was destemmed and fermented in submerged-cap tanks for 12 days, with pumpovers performed twice daily. Aging occurred in a combination of French and American oak barrels, 20% new, for 17 months.

VINEYARD NOTES: Two Patch is grown on two prized “patches” of exceptional vineyard land in northern Sonoma County. Encompassing 14 acres of zinfandel planted in 1905, the ancient, low-yielding vines of Big River Ranch produce superbly ripe, intense fruit, while the renowned Todd Brothers Ranch contains 50-year-old vines perched on a rocky, west-facing hillside.

SENSORY NOTES: The juicy 2014 Two Patch zinfandel opens with a bouquet of dark woody spiciness with flavors of boysenberry, toffee and coffee. It culminates with a soft, long, lingering, voluptuous finish. A wine to be enjoyed for many years.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Heritage
VINE SPACING: 6x8 & 8x8
YEAR PLANTED: 1906-1965

SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy & sandy loam
YIELD PER ACRE: 2 tons
TRELLISING STYLE: Head-trained

ELEVATION: 300-800 feet
ROOTSTOCK: St. George
IRRIGATION: Minimal drip

CASES PRODUCED: 300 cases produced
RETAIL PRICE: $45