

FOLEY F SONOMA

2016 OZ ZINFANDEL ALEXANDER VALLEY

Foley Sonoma is dedicated to mixing old-world tradition and modern technology to create limited production, luxury wines from estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley appellation within Sonoma County. Our family has been growing and creating wines since 1996 throughout California and beyond. The estate vineyards offer diverse terrain and soil types that cater to our focus on the five noble Bordeaux varieties — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We look forward to sharing the wines from this special place with you and your family for years to come. — The Foley Family

VINTAGE

2016 was a superb vintage in Alexander Valley. Although yields were slightly lower than in 2015, fruit quality was high across all varieties. Veraison set in early and completed by the end of July - beginning of August, and a week of warm temperatures pushed harvest up ahead of schedule. The fruit for this 2016 Zinfandel entered the crush pad in optimal condition.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The Osborn Vineyard, or “Oz” for short, is our northwest neighbor. While very similar to the soil of our Estate Old Vine block, Oz differs in that it produces fruit that creates a more earthy profile and boldness on the palate. After harvest, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks and then racked to French oak barrels. After aging for 23 months in barrel (35% new) with regular lees stirring, the wine was bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Originally planted in 1896, the Oz Vineyard is one of the oldest vineyards in Alexander Valley and we are pleased to be able to craft such a stunning wine from our friendly neighbors! The 2016 OZ Zinfandel has a distinct cherry pie aromatic profile, which follows onto the palate. Although opulent with dark, ripe fruit spilling into every edge of it, tart cherry notes help to keep the wine from taking itself too seriously, and provides for a wine that should age well for the next seven years.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Composition: 99% Zinfandel, 1 % Pinot Noir

Aging: 23 months in French oak, 35% new

Alcohol: 16.8%

TA: 6.4 g/L

pH: 3.69

Production: 258 Cases

