

# FOLEY F SONOMA

## 2015 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

2015 was another warm year with one of our earliest harvests to date. Yields were lower than the past few growing seasons, but the quality of fruit was exceptional with concentrated flavors and balanced acidity due to consistently warm temperatures throughout the season. The grapes for our 2015 Oz Zinfandel were harvested in the cool morning hours of September 4, 2015.

### 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 (40% 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 2015 Oz Zinfandel has a distinct spice and cherry pie aroma that is immediately apparent upon popping the cork. The palate is opulent with dark, ripe fruit spilling into every edge and tart cherry notes to help keep the wine from taking itself too seriously. This wine will improve with age over the next seven years.

### TECHNICAL DATA

*Appellation:* Alexander Valley

*Composition:* 100% Zinfandel

*Aging:* 23 months in French oak, 40% new

*Alcohol:* 16.6%

*TA:* 6.2 g/L

*pH:* 3.6

*Production:* 203 Cases

