

FOLEY F SONOMA

FANUCCHI RANCH SANGIOVESE 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

Harvest 2017 was an excellent vintage in the Alexander Valley. A relatively cool ripening season in August was followed by a four-day, 115 degree heat spike, which pushed all fruit that was on the fringes of ripeness well into full maturity. Luckily, grape quality was not compromised, and once the fruit arrived, it was fantastic to work with. Although the heat spike was much maligned at the time, all of our fruit, aside from a single block of Cabernet Franc, was in and processed by the time the fires hit at the beginning of October.

VINYARDS & WINEMAKING

Our Sangiovese is sourced from our neighbors in the Alexander Valley. David Fanucchi planted this block on the hillside below his childhood home, allowing for excellent drainage and sun exposure. This east-west vineyard benefits from even ripening and balanced flavors. Following harvest, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks and then racked to French oak barrels. After aging for 10 months with regular lees stirring, the wine was bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Fanucchi Ranch Sangiovese is supple and approachable. Bright raspberry, cherry cola, and light mint aromatics dominate the nose. On the palate, abundant fruit and smooth tannins add a richer note to the wine, making it perfect with a fresh spring salad and grilled salmon.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Composition: 86% Sangiovese, 10% Zinfandel, 4% Grenache

Aging: 10 months in neutral French oak

Alcohol: 13.7%

TA: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.71

Production: 48 Cases

