

# FOLEY F SONOMA

## 2017 ESTATE OLD VINE 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

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 three estate Zinfandel vineyards were planted at different times; one lot was planted over 100 years ago and acted as the framework around which the winery was built, the other two lots were planted around 2000. The fruit for this wine is entirely from our Old Vine Vineyard. Following harvest, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks and then racked to French and American oak barrels. After aging for 16 months in 30% new French and American oak with regular lees stirring, the wine was bottled on March 14, 2019.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Estate Old Vine Zinfandel has a robust bouquet of ripened black cherry, plum, and blueberries with a slight hint of black pepper. Medium, refined tannins fill the palate embracing the black fruit and delicate truffle flavors followed by a toffee and dark chocolate finish.

### TECHNICAL DATA

*Appellation:* Alexander Valley  
*Composition:* 98% Old Vine Zinfandel, 2% Grenache  
*Aging:* 16 months in French and American oak, 30% new  
*Alcohol:* 16.4%  
*TA:* 6.4 g/L  
*pH:* 3.62  
*Production:* 137 Cases

