



# Zinfandel

### 2012 + ESTATE + PASO ROBLES

The grapes for our Zinfandel were grown on Pleasant Valley Vineyard and handpicked and sorted in the cool morning hours. They were gently crushed and then allowed to ferment in small stainless steel tanks. Variable pump-over techniques were implemented during the progressive stages of fermentation to enhance fruit extraction and enrich mouthfeel. The wine was then transferred into barrels to complete malolactic fermentation and spent 16 months in French and American oak barrels. During aging, 20% Petite Sirah was blended in for complexity and mouthfeel, then returned to barrels to integrate for the last 8 months prior to bottling.

## Tasting Notes

COLOR: Ruby garnet

AROMA: Raspberry and notes of plum with hints of nutmeg and white pepper spice

Medium-bodied with juicy plum fruit, hints of chocolate and a smooth, creamy finish

#### Recommendations

Serve at  $62^{\circ} - 65^{\circ}$  F

Enjoy now through 2018

Store in dark dry place at 55° - 65° F

Pairing suggestions: Thanksgiving turkey, leg of lamb or filet

### Technical Notes

HARVEST DATE BRIX° VINEYARD BLEND Pleasant Valley Zinfandel 09.28.12 - 10.09.1226.3

80% Huerhuero Petite Sirah 11% Creston Valley Petite Sirah 9%

16 months in French and American oak barrels AGING:

BOTTLING DATE: 04.22.14 RELEASE DATE: 10.17.14 CASES PRODUCED: 415 ALCOHOL: 14.2% PH: 3.81 TOTAL ACIDITY:  $6.5 \, g/L$ 

Kevin Willenborg, Winemaker An elegant and juicy Paso Zinfandel