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## 2020 WINEMAKER SERIES ALEXANDER VALLEY RED WINE RIDGELINE VINEYARD

Our winemaker first fell in love with the wines from Alexander Valley's acclaimed Ridgeline Vineyard years ago. A dramatic, high-elevation hillside vineyard, Ridgeline is ideal both for Cabernet Sauvignon and for Tempranillo, which is why it was chosen as the source for this alluring Sonoma County Red Blend. Inspired by the iconic blends of Spain, this robust, full-bodied red combines the vivid violet and white pepper qualities of exceptional Tempranillo with the depth and richness of Cabernet Sauvignon.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 growing season began with a relatively dry, mild winter followed by a dry, temperate spring, which resulted in an early April budbreak. The weather throughout spring and summer was even and warm, offering numerous clear, sun-filled days. In September, the weather turned hot, providing the grapes a final push towards optimal ripeness and flavor development. While the overall weather was exceptional for growing grapes, yielding wines with excellent structures and ripe, voluptuous flavors, the impact of the 2020 California wildfires required us to be exacting in our grape selection process, excluding any fruit that did not meet our standards. As a result, while our overall yields were down in 2020, we are extremely proud of the lush, opulent wines that we were able to craft from this vintage.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Paying homage to the famed Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon blends of Spain, this wine displays dark and concentrated aromas of black tea, lavender, ripe dark cherry, clove and cinnamon. On the palate, robust layers of blackberry and fig mingle with hints of ripe red berries, with rich, weighty tannins carrying the wine to a smooth, lingering finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Alexander Valley
VINEYARD	Ridgeline Vineyard
BLEND COMPOSITION	90% Tempranillo, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in 95% French oak, 5% American oak 50% new, 50% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.81
ACIDITY	0.57 g/100 ml



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