

OTTIMINO

Ottimino Estate Vineyard 2013 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ZINFANDEL



Ottimino Vineyard's rootstock was planted in 2000 and grafted with bud wood sourced from Ridges Lytton Springs Vineyard. At an altitude of 800 feet, this part of the Russian River Valley remains cool in contrast to Dry Creek Valley, for example, yet receives more sun than lowland Green Valley. The grapes develop full flavor potential at lower sugar levels, producing fruit forward robust wines without the high alcohols that too often plague Zinfandel.

WINEMAKING:

We employed our usual extraction methods, with the fruit undergoing a cold-soak for two days with gentle pumpovers, more vigorous pumpovers during fermentation, and ending with a fifteen days of extended maceration. After pressing, the wine was racked to Francois Freres and Tonnelleries O barrels. Malolactic fermentation proceeded spontaneously in barrel. Quarterly rackings softened the tannins and integrated the oak, and after eighteen months of oak aging the wine was bottled with no fining and minimal filtration.

TASTING NOTES:

Intense aromas of blueberry, orange rind, and ripe raspberry aromas are laced with hints of white pepper bolstered by well-integrated notes of French oak. The palate entry has ample fruit, with bramble and ripe raspberry at its core. Balanced tannins support a great depth and concentration of flavor, making this Zinfandel an excellent wine to pair with your favorite dishes.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Production Details

Blend:	100% Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Ottimino
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Cooperage:	Francois Freres, Tonnelleries O
Aging:	19 months
Barrel Age:	35% New French Oak
Production:	308 cases

Analytical Data

Harvested:	September 30, 2013
Brix:	24.0
TA:	6.6 g/L
pH:	3.52
Bottled:	June 26, 2015
TA:	5.5 g/L
pH:	3.80