

OTTIMINO

2014 Ottimino Estate Vineyard Russian River Valley Zinfandel



Ottimino Vineyard's rootstock was planted in 2000 and then grafted with budwood sourced from Lytton Springs Vineyard, Von Weidlich Vineyard, and Rancho Bello 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 the lowland sections of Green Valley. The grapes develop their full flavor potential at lower sugar levels, thus producing fruit forward robust wines without the high alcohols that too often plague Zinfandel.

WINEMAKING:

We employed our usual extraction methods for the 2014, with the fruit undergoing a cold-soak for two days with gentle pumpovers, more vigorous pumpovers during fermentation, and ending with a fifteen-day period of extended maceration. After pressing, the wine was racked to Francois Freres and Tonnelleries O barrels, in which a natural malolactic fermentation proceeded. Quarterly racking's facilitated the softening of 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:

Raspberry and pomegranate aromas are laced with hints of white pepper, and vanillin spice. The palate entry has gobs of fruit, with cherry, bramble and ripe strawberry at the core. Smooth, round tannins anchor a great depth and concentration of flavor and the exceptional balance makes this Zinfandel an excellent wine to pair with your favorite dishes.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Production Details

Blend:	100% Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Ottimino Estate
Appellation:	Green Valley/ Russian River Valley
Cooperage:	Francois Freres, Tonnelleries O
Alcohol:	14.7%
Barrel Age:	35% New French Oak
Production:	298

Analytical Data

Harvested:	9/30/2014
Brix:	24.3
TA:	6.2
pH:	3.68