



OTTIMINO

ZINFINITY 2014 SONOMA COUNTY ZINFANDEL

*“Single-vineyard wines are the ultimate in quality when the vineyard and the vintage are right. There’s an equally valid proposition for combining vineyards: the infinite flexibility afforded by blending often results in wine of great elegance, richness, and individuality. **Zinfinity** is Ottimino’s realization of that possibility.”*

- William Knuttel, Ottimino winemaker

Our eighth vintage of **Zinfinity** Sonoma County Zinfandel again utilizes the magic of blending to achieve a beautifully balanced, densely structured wine. The foundation of the 2014 Zinfinity is the 50 year old vines in Biglieri Vineyard at the southern edge of Dry Creek Valley, blended with some Bradford Mountain selection Zin from Ottimino Vineyard, our home ranch. To these finely nuanced Zins we added dense hillside fruit from Windsor Oaks Vineyard in the Chalk Hill sub-appellation of Russian River Valley. and more old vine Zin from Rancho Bello Vineyard. Finally, we added Petite Sirah from steep hillside vines to enhance the density and structure of the blend. The lots were aged separately for eight months, then fashioned into Zinfinity and racked to French oak for twelve more months of aging!

All of the lots in the blend were made in virtually the same fashion as Ottimino’s single-vineyard Zinfandels: cold-extraction of gently crushed fruit, lengthy fermentation with vigorous pumpovers, extended maceration, aging in French oak, quarterly racking—and minimal intervention. Except, of course, there are copious rounds of blend trials required to make the best **Zinfinity** possible!

TASTING NOTES:

Dense aromas of spicy black plum, ripe cherry, blackberry and bramble are lifted by notes of creamy oak. Flavors follow on, with the entry adding hints of raspberry and cassis.

Dense, juicy tannins flesh out the mid-palate, which leads to a firm finish of great length and persistence.

BLEND: 85% Zinfandel/15% Petite Sirah

BARREL AGING: 20 months in French oak (Francois Freres, Demptos, Tonnelleries O)

PRODUCTION: 750 Cases