



MARIETTA

2018 ANGELI

ESTATE GROWN ZINFANDEL
ALEXANDER VALLEY

AGING

12 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

14.7%

PRODUCTION

650 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2020

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to ten years

HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 Harvest was a grower's dream, but it was not without its exciting moments. Spring rains encouraged healthy roots and set up great canopies. The fruit set and cluster development did not disappoint. Then August and September clocked in as mild, bordering on cool. Suddenly we found ourselves looking at the perfect fruit potentially stalling out. Quite a bit of lovely, perfectly ripe fruit was harvested in September. Early October rains soaked the second half of the crop and elicited fears of rot and lost fruit as more storms lined up. Miraculously, the storms failed to materialize and we had a long, dry October and November with beautiful sunny days which slowly ripened the remaining crop. Long seasons like these allow early tannin maturation while the cool weather protects the acid.... all leading to developed, powerful tannins with bright acid at lower than typical brix. To top it off, it was a banner crop year!

TASTING NOTES

From our Angeli vineyard in Alexander Valley, this is pure Zinfandel. These vines are grown in a large gravel swale that was the former Russian River prior to streambed migration. July and August fires blew straight east from Mendocino and there was no exposure in Alexander Valley. The rainy, late start to the season and cool summer temperatures meant we picked on September 19, the latest in years. The slow season meant great tannin and color at early Brix. Harvested at multiple Brix levels between 23.5 and 25, this wine balances white pepper, tart pomegranate, and silky opulence while still feeling focused and linear.

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SINGLE ESTATE SERIES

Our Single Estate Series represents our purest expressions of place. Having worked with the fruit from tens of vineyards over the years, we have identified three special sites that we believe create extraordinary wine. Produced in limited quantities, these wines have ultra-developed acid and tannin profiles and achieve a beautiful balance of intense structure and bright aromatics.

PRAISE FOR 2017 ANGELI

94 points

The 2017 Zinfandel Angeli, from a site in Alexander Valley, is rich, pliant and expressive. Super-ripe black cherry, hard candy, new leather, lavender and mint give the Angeli decidedly dark shades of expression. This sumptuous, flavorful Zinfandel should drink well for another decade or more.

— Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*,
Spring 2019