



Girard

NAPA VALLEY

OLD VINE ZINFANDEL
2013

Background

For the past 40 years, Girard has been singularly dedicated to ensuring balance in our wines. This is achieved by meticulously focusing on making choices that respect the grapes and Napa Valley heritage at each step of the winemaking process. We work closely with our long-time growers in both mountain and valley vineyards to ensure vines are nurtured to develop balanced sugar and acidity in the grapes when it comes time to harvest. In our state-of-the-art winery, we employ innovative barrel technology to bring out the ripe fruit characteristics during the fermentation and aging process. Our dedication to quality throughout the winemaking process is evident in our consistently award-winning wines that offer richness, complexity and balance in each sip.

Producing a well-balanced “Old Vine” Zinfandel from Napa Valley has been our goal for over a decade. Sourcing vineyards that offer a range of character, from more extracted/intense fruit to others that offer bright red fruit notes and balanced acidity, is our focus every harvest. Vineyard sources in the northern most part of Napa Valley (Calistoga) tend to ripen the most and come from vines planted in the last century. These sources offer intensely concentrated fruit character to the blend. Couple that with slightly younger vineyards in the southeastern part of Napa and we develop more of the bright red fruit and structured acidity that helps create layers of complexity in our Zinfandel.

Appellation

Napa Valley

Sourcing

Godward Vineyard (Calistoga), Morgan and Harris Blue Ridge Vineyards (Southeast Napa)

Varietal Composition

97% Zinfandel, 3% Petite Sirah

Winemaking

Having achieved the right amount of balance in the vineyard, the grapes for our Zinfandel were picked with a focus on keeping the wine’s alcohol present but not overpowering. The wine was aged for 14 months in our “Fusion” barrels, a blend of French, American and Hungarian oak. This barrel added even more diverse character and structure to the Zinfandel blend. French oak gives elegance blended with a meaty, smoky note from the American oak and a well-developed spice character from the Hungarian oak.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of raspberry and cherry, while the palate expresses rich flavors of warm spice and vanilla bean. Balanced ripeness and acidity, complement the intense fruit flavor.

Technical Data

pH 3.42

TA 7.58 g/100mL

RS 1.02 g/L

Alc. 15%

Wine Maker

Glenn Hugo