

Elyse Winery



ZINFANDEL KORTE RANCH VINEYARD ST. HELENA • NAPA VALLEY

2012

PRODUCTION
1,165 cases (12-pack 750ml)

SOURCES
Korte Ranch Vineyard
Chavez-Leeds Vineyard

BLEND
Zinfandel 96%
Petite Sirah 4%

HARVEST DATE
September 29
October 2, 7

HARVEST BRIX
25.5°, 24.8°, 26.2°

MACERATION
15 day native yeast
fermentation

AGING
10 ½ months in
American oak
(22% new)

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4.05 5.6 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TASTING NOTES

Deep garnet colored with intriguing aromas of black plum, blackberry pie, caramel, cinnamon, galangal root, incense, clove and orange zest. Lavishly textured with generous flavors of sweet blackberry, blueberry, cassis and the slightest hint of cracked black pepper and spice. Smooth entry with a broad mouthfeel, rich fruit and well integrated tannins lead to a finish that is long and lingering.

Pair with beef stew, ribs or barbecue and know it doesn't mind some spice.

THE VINEYARD

Korte Ranch is located just north of the town of St. Helena along the Napa River on Ehlers Lane. It is truly one of the most distinctive and classic Zinfandel vineyards left in Napa Valley with the vines we source from being a minimum of 70 years old. It has been family owned for four generations and was a bonded winery before prohibition. The gnarly old head trained, dry farmed vines are planted where the eastern and western hillsides meet. This beautiful property is perfectly suited for high quality grape growing from the cool morning and nighttime temperatures to the loose soils of rocky loam which help make wine of unique and bold character.



92 pts
CELLAR SELECTION