

2014

ZINFANDEL

KORTE RANCH VINEYARD
ST. HELENA • NAPA VALLEY



Harvest Dates: 9/4, 9/19
Grape Source: Korte Ranch Vineyard
Blend: 89% Zinfandel and 11% Petite Sirah, Carignane, Valdiguié, and Grand Noir
Harvest Brix: 24.0° and 24.8°
Maceration: 14 day native yeast fermentation
Aging: 10 ½ months in American Oak (25% new)
pH: 3.82
TA: 5.42 g/L
Alcohol: 14.6%
Production: 694 cases 12 pack 750ml

TASTING NOTES:

Deep garnet colored with aromas of blackberries, cherries, orange blossoms, cinnamon and cocoa. With a smooth entry and broad mouthfeel, this well balanced wine also reveals raspberries, sweet plums and candied apples. The finish is warm and cozy with hints of spicy oak and caramel. Lavishly textured, this wine's well integrated tannins and rich fruit make it very approachable and enjoyable now but if you manage to hold some back it will age nicely for another 5 – 10 years.

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.

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