

Elyse Winery



ZINFANDEL KORTE RANCH VINEYARD ST. HELENA • NAPA VALLEY

2015

PRODUCTION
816 cases (12-pack 750ml)

SOURCES
Korte Ranch Vineyard
Chavez-Leeds Vineyard

BLEND
Zinfandel 89%
Combination 11%
(Petite Sirah,
Carignane,
Valdigué,
Grand Noir)

HARVEST DATE
September 18

HARVEST BRIX
25.0°

MACERATION
14 day native yeast
fermentation

AGING
10 ½ months in
American oak
(30% new)

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3.90 5.0 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.4%

TASTING NOTES

Crimson in color with generous aromas of briar patch, stone fruit, cinnamon, vanilla, star anise, and hints of cocoa. A soft entry immediately leads to a full palate of blackberries, blueberries, and wisps of spicy oak. The 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.