

# SILVIA

CELLARS



## North Coast ZINFANDEL 2017

### HISTORY

Silvia Cellars takes its inspiration from our Italian wine producing family heritage. Our mission is to produce a small number of high quality California wines from some of California's best vineyards. We have dedicated ourselves to making delicious, handcrafted wines from some of the finest appellations on the West Coast: California (Napa Valley, Sonoma County, Mendocino County, Amador County and Paso Robles). We take pride and joy in working hard to produce premium quality wines.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2017 growing season started with record-setting rainfalls. As flowering started, an unusual heat spikes made for an eclectic mix of conditions. Extreme heat beginning in April provided hints at what would become another record-breaking year of temperatures throughout the growing season. This was followed by a significant cooling trend which allowed for added hang time, leading to increased flavor development. However in October the wildfire started but nearly all of our lots had already been harvested.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This 2017 Zinfandel is an elegant style of Zin, due to our blend of growing region and our wine-making style. We harvest grapes from Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma and Mendocino County including a little area of Alexander Valley, looking for a balance of ripeness and acidity in each lot to showcase our valley. This balance explains Silvia Cellars Zin's restaurant popularity; it is always a food friendly style of Zinfandel. We blended this Zinfandel with 8% of Alexander Valley Syrah for the perfect integration of flavor. After fermentation the wine was aged for ten months in American oak barrels to add depth, complexity and texture. There is a spicy, earthy nose and the aromas of dark fruits, raspberry and vanilla. There is great up front fruit with big flavors of black cherry, plum, chocolate and black pepper. This is a rich Zinfandel with good balance, chewy texture, nice acidity and a long, spicy finish.

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| RELEASE DATE  | May 2015   |
| BLEND         | 93% Zinfandel, 8% Syrah                                    |
| APPELLATION   | Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma and Mendocino County, North Coast |
| HARVEST       | October 2017   |
| DATES ALCOHOL | 14.5%  |
| BRIX          | Average 25.0   |
| PH            | 3.72   |
| TA            | 5.6 g/L  |
| BARREL AGING  | 12 months in American oak; 20% new oak                     |