



1997 Zinfandel

*Alegría Vineyards Heritage Vines
Russian River Valley*

Our Alegría Zinfandel is a unique expression of the 19th century tradition of inter-planting and field-blending Zinfandel with other complementary grape varieties. It is a tradition we intend to carry on into the 21st century. As the owners of Alegría Vineyards, we select 10% of our finest grapes to create Acorn Winery's hand-crafted wines. This limited production 1997 *Alegría Vineyards Heritage Vines Zinfandel* is Acorn Winery's first-release Zinfandel.

Betsy and Bill Nachbaur

Winemaker Notes:

1997 was an outstanding vintage for Russian River Valley Zinfandel. A warm spring gave the grapes an early start and allowed us to harvest them a month earlier than usual. Even in this exceptionally warm year, morning fog and cool evenings tempered the days' heat to create ideal growing conditions for maximum flavor development. The grapes were fermented in small open-top fermenters with frequent, gentle punch-downs to maximize color extraction.

Tasting Notes: Dark ruby in color with a perfumed nose of spices, blackberries and pepper, this seductive wine is fruity, round and supple with a spicy finish.

Composition: A field blend: 78% Zinfandel, 11% Alicante Bouschet, 9% Petite Sirah. The remaining 2% includes Carignane, Trousseau, Sangiovese, Petit Bouschet, Negrette, Syrah, Muscat Noir, Cinsaut, & Grenache.

Vintage:	1997	Bottled:	December 29, 1998
Appellation:	Russian River Valley	Case Production:	279
Vineyard		Alcohol:	15.8%
Designation:	Alegría Vineyards	pH:	3.65
Harvest Date:	September 19, 1997	T.A.:	0.66g/100ml
Brix:	28° Brix	Release Date:	February 1999
Barrel Aging:	15 months		
Type of Oak:	86% French barrels 14% Hungarian & American barrels		

