



## 1999 Zinfandel

*Alegría Vineyards Heritage Vines™  
Russian River Valley*

As the owners of Alegría Vineyards, we retain selected grapes for Acorn Winery's hand-crafted, estate-grown wines. The 1999 *Alegría Vineyards Heritage Vines Zinfandel* expresses the character of our 19th Century vineyard's unique field blend. We are passionate about nurturing our old, low-yielding vines and continuing the tradition of producing wine much as it was done 100 years ago.

*Betsy and Bill Nachbaur*

### Winemaker Notes:

Since this vineyard is composed of mixed varieties and we experienced an unusually cold summer, the separate blocks of the old vineyard ripened at different times. To pick each block at peak ripeness, harvest was spread over five days between October 5 and October 18.

The grapes were fermented in small open-top fermenters with Brunello, Rhone, and native yeasts. Frequent, gentle punch-downs of the cap maximized color extraction. The wine was in barrels for 17 months to fully integrate and balance the fruit and oak.

**Composition:** 78% Zinfandel, 11% Alicante Bouschet, 9% Petite Sirah. The remaining 2% of the field blend includes Carignane, Trousseau, Sangiovese, Petit Bouschet, Negrette, Syrah, Muscat Noir, Cinsaut, & Grenache. The grapes are interplanted, harvested, and fermented together.

**Tasting Notes:** This richly smooth, complex field-blend embodies the sophistication found in an old vine wine. Deep ruby color. Aromas of berries, spices and floral notes surround full-bodied, seductive flavors of spice, pepper, and berries steeped with bittersweet chocolate.

**Harvest Dates:** October 5, 6, 15, 16, & 18, 1999  
**Average Brix:** 25.2° Brix  
**Barrel Aging:** 17 months in a combination of French, American, and Hungarian oak. (50% new)  
**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**pH:** 3.77  
**T.A.:** 0.67g/100ml  
**Case Production:** 325  
**Release Date:** July 2001

