



2000 Zinfandel

Heritage Vines™

Alegría Vineyards

Russian River Valley

At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blend and vineyard-blend wines. Our goal is to create food-friendly wines that fully express the fruit characteristics of the diverse grape varieties we grow at our Alegría Vineyards in the Russian River Valley.

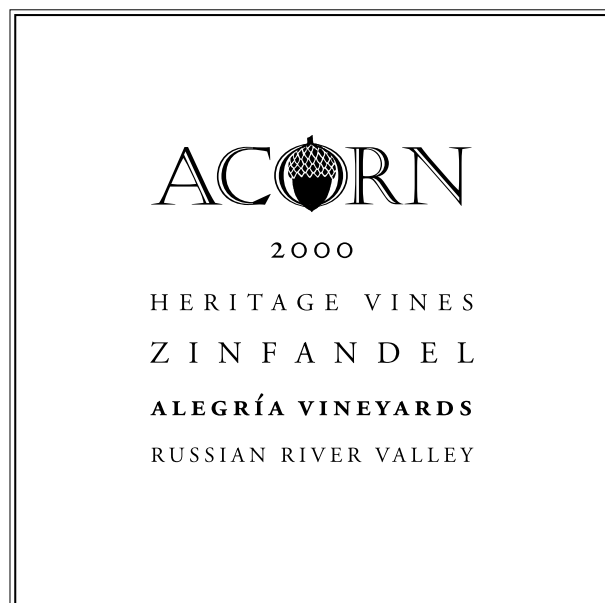
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Winemaking Notes

The year 2000 was the second turn-of-the-century for most of the vines in our old Zinfandel vineyard. Our unique Alegría field blend, which has evolved over the past 110 years, gives our Heritage Vines Zinfandel its unique flavor and complexity, and honors the wisdom of the winegrowers who planted it.

The vines' very old age, the long cool summer, and our waiting for peak ripeness gave us our latest harvest to date. This wonderful wine justifies our patience.

The grapes were fermented in small open-top fermenters with Brunello yeast. Frequent, gentle punch-downs of the cap maximized color extraction. Aging in a combination of French and American oak barrels (56% of them new) smoothly integrated the flavors of the different varieties.



Tasting Notes

This richly smooth, complex field blend embodies the sophistication found in an old-vine wine. Aromas of berries and spice with floral notes surround full-bodied, seductive flavors of black pepper, ripe berries, and sweet oak steeped with bittersweet chocolate.

The creamy texture, opulent flavors, depth of character, and long luscious finish make this wine absolutely irresistible.

Composition

78% Zinfandel, 10% Alicante Bouschet, 10% 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.

Vintage	2000
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard	
Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2000
Brix	25.9° Brix
Barrel Aging	19 months
Type of Oak	17% French, 83% American

Bottled	July 26, 2002
Case Production	416
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.67
T.A.	0.68g/100ml
Release Date	September 2002

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