



2001 Zinfandel

*Heritage Vines™
Alegría Vineyards
Russian River Valley*

At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blend and vineyard-blend wines. Our food-friendly wines 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

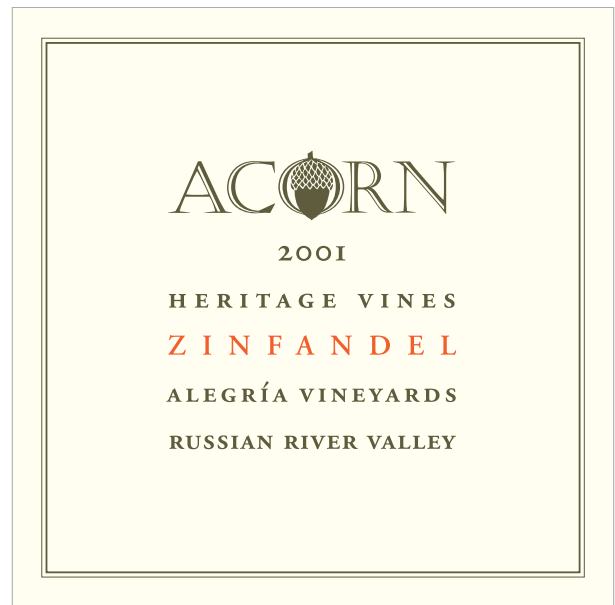
The oldest vines in our Alegría Vineyards were planted in 1890. The vineyard is a field blend, where (as was the traditional practice in the 19th century) complementary varieties are planted side-by-side, then harvested and fermented together. The mix of varieties evolved over more than 100 years to produce a complete, smooth, and very complex wine. We are the fortunate custodians of this legacy.

The vineyard is divided into several small blocks, each containing a different mix of varieties. Each block was picked at peak ripeness on five different days between September 27 and October 11. We fermented the grapes in small bins with a combination of yeasts to optimize extraction of color, flavors, and aromas. The wine was barrel aged, for 18 months, until the fruit and oak were fully balanced and integrated.

Tasting Notes

This dark inky field blend has intensely concentrated aromas and flavors of dark berries and creamy sweet oak. The plush, jammy mouthfeel and long smooth finish add opulence to this luscious wine. Impressions of vanilla, black pepper, and cocoa, layered over blackberries and plums, contribute to the wealth of flavors. Delicious complexity fills every corner of your mouth with its surprising depth, elegance, and richness.

Vintage	2001
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard	
Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	Sept. 27 & 30, Oct. 5, 10 & 11, 2001
Brix	26° (average)
Barrel Aging	18 months
Type of Oak	17% French, 83% American 56% new oak



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.

Bottled	May 22, 2003
Case Production	409
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.75
T.A.	0.57g/100ml
Release Date	January 2004

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