

ACORN

2002 Zinfandel

*Heritage Vines™
Alegría Vineyards
Russian River Valley*

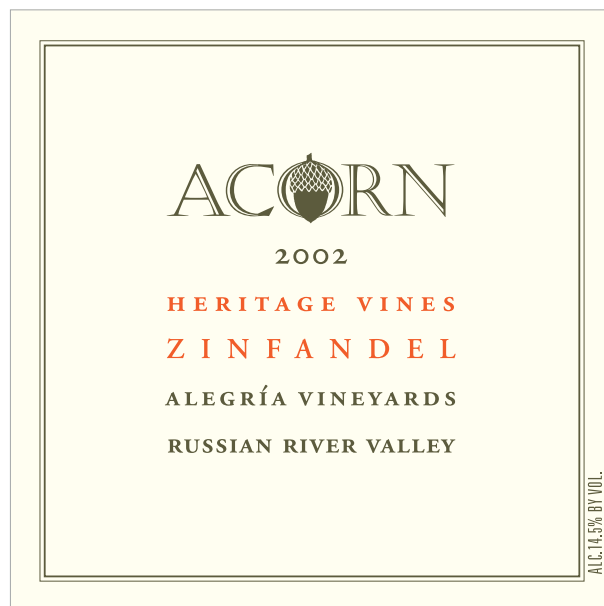
At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blend and vineyard-blend wines. Our food-friendly wines fully express the fruit characteristics of the diverse grape varieties we grow at our Alegría Vineyards in the Russian River Valley.

Betsy and Bill Nachbaur

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.

Winemakers Kent Rosenblum and Jeff Cohn skillfully capture the unique essence of our ancient vineyard by fermenting the grapes in small bins with a combination of yeasts to optimize extraction of color, aromas, and flavors. Then the wine is aged in carefully selected French and American oak barrels until the fruit and oak are fully integrated and balanced.



Tasting Notes

Captivating aromas of ripe berries mingle with spices, vanilla, and cocoa to entice you to experience this dark, rich wine. Its velvety mouthfeel accompanies delicious layers of flavors. Concentrated black cherry, plum, and vine-ripened berries blend with creamy vanilla, subtle dark chocolate shavings, and a hint of mocha to create a complex flavor palate. An elegant dinner wine.

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 grape varieties are interplanted, harvested, and fermented together.

Vintage	2002
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	Oct. 18, 22-25, 30, 2002
Brix	26.5° Brix
Barrel Aging	18 months
Type of Oak	60% French, 40% American 60% new oak
Bottled	May 26, 2004
Case Production	392
Alcohol	14.5%
pH	3.78
T.A.	0.586g/100ml
Release Date	Fall 2004

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