

2014 OLD VINES ZINFANDEL

TRES VIEJOS, SONOMA COUNTY

85% *Zinfandel* | 10% *Petite Sirah* | 5% *Mixed Blacks*

ALCOHOL 15.5% | BOTTLING MARCH 2016 | CASE PRODUCTION 900 | RETAIL \$48
AGING 16 MONTHS, 100% FRENCH OAK | WINEMAKER KATIE MADIGAN

VINTAGE

Warm sunny days throughout the spring and summer months set the stage for a spectacular harvest in September 2014. The lack of rain meant that harvest began a little earlier than normal and was short in length, finishing up by the end of October. The temperate days leading up to harvest produced good yields of high quality fruit with concentrated flavors, complex aromatics and excellent structure.

VINEYARDS

Translated literally, tres viejos means “three old men.” At St. Francis, we use it to describe some of our exceptionally old, head-trained Zinfandel vines. Each year Winemaker Katie Madigan chooses fruit from three distinct regions across Sonoma County for a special blend in honor of these distinctive vines. The Russian River Valley fruit has bright, fresh acidity. The Sonoma Valley fruit is both dark and intensely flavored. The Zinfandel from Alexander Valley is intense and concentrated with wild berry flavors. All vines are over 80 years old, and are expressive of their growing regions.

WINEMAKING

Winemaker Katie Madigan ferments each lot independently in order to allow their unique characteristics to shine. She wants this wine to showcase the heritage of Sonoma County Zinfandel. After 16 months of barrel aging, this proprietary blend is finalized, reflecting the best of the vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Dense and brooding, this Zinfandel reflects its old vine heritage with layered aromas and concentrated dark berry flavors with a hint of lavender and espresso. Full-bodied, rich and luscious with an elegant finish.

ACCOLADES

92 Points | *The Wine Advocate*

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Gold Medal | San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition



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