

2017 ANGELI

ESTATE GROWN ZINFANDEL ALEXANDER VALLEY

AGING

15 months in neutral barrels ALCOHOL BY VOLUME 14.8% PRODUCTION 1,000 cases RELEASE DATE Fall 2019 SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW Drink now or age up to ten years

HARVEST NOTES

After two late years in a row, 2017 progressed smoothly with perfectly timed budbreak and fruit set. Then life reminded us how unpredictable things can be. The 2017 Tubbs Fire ripped through Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Lake Counties in October and promptly moved everyone's focus from grapes and wine to life and death. Five of the most destructive fires ever in California ravaged the landscape and the community is still recovering. The loss of homes, businesses, and life was astounding. Luckily the impact on the wine industry was minimal with the majority of the North Coast's grapes having been harvested prior to the fires. At Marietta, we feel blessed to not have had any property or personal losses to the business or any of our employees. The resultant 2017 wines are fresh, pure, and powerful and we are enjoying them with a renewed sense of gratitude.

TASTING NOTES

Marietta Cellars sits in the entrance to a small canyon off Alexander Valley. Known as Angeli Ranch after the family who originally settled here in 1886, this property's vineyards connect gravel swales from the Russian River to terraced knolls invisible from the valley floor. The extremes of this site create a wine that is powerful but has surprising elegance and clarity.

SINGLE ESTATE SERIES

Our Single Estate Series represents our purest expressions of place. Having worked with the fruit from tens of vineyards over the years, we have identified three special sites that we believe create extraordinary wine. Produced in limited quantities, these wines have ultra-developed acid and tannin profiles and achieve a beautiful balance of intense structure and bright aromatics.

94 points

The 2017 Zinfandel Angeli, from a site in Alexander Valley, is rich, pliant and expressive. Super-ripe black cherry, hard candy, new leather, lavender and mint give the Angeli decidedly dark shades of expression. This sumptuous, flavorful Zinfandel should drink well for another decade or more.

— Antonio Galloni