



MARIETTA

2018 ROMÁN

ESTATE GROWN ZINFANDEL

BLEND

92% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah, 4% Barbera

AGING

10 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

14.6%

PRODUCTION

1,800 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2020

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to ten years

HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 Harvest was a grower's dream, but it was not without its exciting moments. Spring rains encouraged healthy roots and set up great canopies. The fruit set and cluster development did not disappoint. Then August and September clocked in as mild, bordering on cool. Suddenly we found ourselves looking at the perfect fruit potentially stalling out. Quite a bit of lovely, perfectly ripe fruit was harvested in September. Early October rains soaked the second half of the crop and elicited fears of rot and lost fruit as more storms lined up. Miraculously, the storms failed to materialize and we had a long, dry October and November with beautiful sunny days which slowly ripened the remaining crop. Long seasons like these allow early tannin maturation while the cool weather protects the acid.... all leading to developed, powerful tannins with bright acid at lower than typical brix. To top it off, it was a banner crop year!

WINE NOTES

Named after cellar master Roman Cisneros, this is the fourth release of this Estate Zinfandel from our vineyards in Alexander Valley and McDowell Valley. Our Zinfandel is fermented cold to emphasize freshness and supported by a small amount of structure from Petite Sirah and a savory wildness from Barbera. With a nose of roses, bright raspberry and baking spice, backed by a rustic earthiness this wine showcases Zinfandel from a different era before the varietal began being expressed as dark, thick, and oaky.

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FAMILY SERIES

Our history of family winemaking goes back four generations in Sonoma County. At current count, there have been seven different winemakers in the family. Each has had their own focus and style. The unifying elements have been family, hard work, passion, and a love of the creative process that is winemaking. Our Family Series consists of a Zinfandel, a Cabernet Sauvignon, and a Rhône-style red wine. All three are carefully crafted from Estate Grown grapes from our properties in Northern Sonoma County, the McDowell and Hopland Valleys, and the Yorkville Highlands.

PRAISE FOR 2017 ROMÁN

91 points

The 2017 Román is a gorgeous, Zinfandel-based blend from Marietta that offers sweet floral notes and bright, red-toned berry flavors. Medium-bodied and refreshing, the 2017 is delicious, fun and easy to drink. I loved it.

— Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*,
Spring 2019