

OTTIMINO

Ottimino Estate Vineyard 2015 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ZINFANDEL



Ottimino Vineyard's rootstock was planted in 2000 and grafted with bud wood sourced from Ridge's Lytton Springs Vineyard. At an altitude of 800 feet, this part of the Russian River Valley remains cool in contrast to Dry Creek Valley, for example, yet receives more sun than lowland Green Valley. The grapes develop full flavor potential at lower sugar levels, producing fruit forward robust wines without the high alcohols too often found in Zinfandel.

WINEMAKING:

We cold-soaked the fruit for two days, then employed vigorous pumpovers during fermentation, before fifteen days of extended maceration. After pressing, the wine was racked to Francois Freres and Tonnelleries O barrels for 21 months of aging—100% French oak. Quarterly rackings softened the tannins and integrated the oak, and the wine was bottled with no fining and with minimal filtration.

TASTING NOTES:

Intense aromas of blueberry, orange rind, and ripe raspberry are laced with hints of white pepper bolstered by well-integrated notes of French oak. The palate entry has gobs of fruit, with cherry, bramble and ripe blackberry at its core. Smooth, round tannins anchor a great depth and concentration

of flavor and the exceptional balance makes this Zinfandel an excellent wine to pair with your favorite dishes.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Production Details

Blend:	100% Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Ottimino
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Cooperage:	Francois Freres, Tonnelleries O
Aging:	21 months
Barrel Age:	35% New French Oak
Production:	298 cases

Analytical Data

Harvested:	September 15, 2015
Brix:	24.4
TA:	6.6 g/L
pH	3.52
Bottled:	June 16, 2017
TA:	5.7 g/L
pH	3.78