

**VINTAGE**

2019

**WINEMAKER**

Alex Holman

**VITICULTURIST**

Daniel Charles

**APPELLATION**

Russian River Valley

**VARIETAL**

79% Zinfandel

9% Petite Sirah

9% Mourvedre

3% Grenache

**ALCOHOL**

14.4%

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY**

5.80 g/L

**CASES PRODUCED**

300

**BARREL AGING**

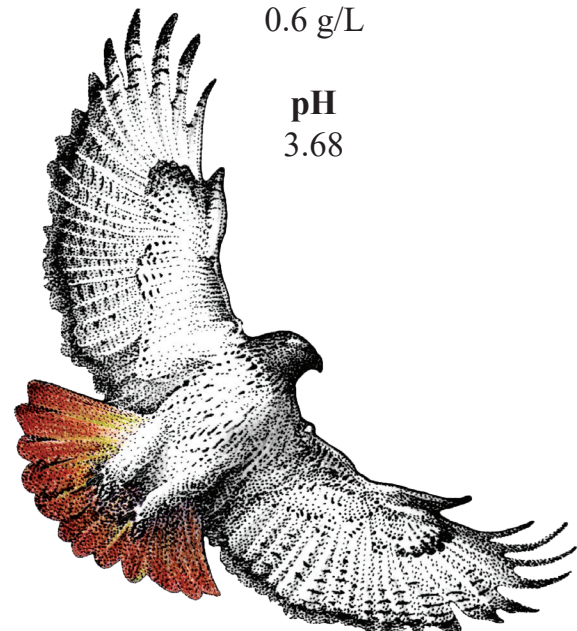
18 Months

**RESIDUAL SUGAR**

0.6 g/L

**pH**

3.68



# BALVERNE

*Sonoma County Wines*

## Zinfandel

Estate Grown, Bottled, and Produced



### *Vineyard*

This vineyard is located just west of our Summit with slightly less elevation but the same rocky, volcanic soils prevalent in the Chalk Hill AVA.

### *Winemaking*

This wine was co-fermented with small amounts of Grenache & Mourvedre' to add an exotic spice note. Open-top fermenters with a 5 day cold soak started this native fermentation at low temperatures with all my sulfite reduction protocols. Petite Sirah was blended later to give this wine added mid-palate and structure. Alcohol balance is crucial for achieving grace and elegance for any Zinfandel and this was ensured by meticulous sorting of raisins in the vineyard and during the grape processing.

### *Wine*

It presents itself as a full-bodied red wine only to finish with the smooth elegance of a lighter wine. On the nose delicious notes of berry compote and cinnamon swirl in the glass with underlining hints of sandalwood and redwood bark. On the palate top notes of smoked hazelnuts are complimented by tart cranberry juice and a lingering of pink peppercorn on the finish.