



RUSACK

2019 ZINFANDEL SANTA CATALINA ISLAND



VINTAGE: 2019

VARIETAL: 100% ZINFANDEL

APPELLATION: CALIFORNIA

GROWER/RANCH: RUSACK, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND
VINEYARDS, EL RANCHO ESCONDIDO

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA

BOTTLING DATE: FEBRUARY 2021

CASES PRODUCED: 35 CASES

RETAIL PRICE: \$72.00

RELEASE DATE: FALL 2021

FERMENTATION: TEN DAY FERMENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 20
DAY EXTENDED MACERATION IN 1 TON OPEN
BINS WITH REGULAR HAND PUNCH DOWNS

AGING: 16 MONTHS

100% FRENCH OAK (35% NEW)

BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 11.4%

pH: 3.62

TA: 0.640g/100ml

TASTING NOTES: THE WINE FROM THIS SPECIAL VINEYARD IS NOT ONLY HISTORY IN A BOTTLE, BUT A TRULY UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE ZINFANDEL. IT IS MADE FROM CLONES ORIGINALLY GROWN ON A ONCE THRIVING VINEYARD AND WINERY IN THE 1800'S, ON THE NEIGHBORING SANTA CRUZ ISLAND. THE RESULT IS A WINE THAT EXUDES AROMAS OF FRESH CRANBERRIES AND LEATHER, ALONG WITH CONCENTRATED FLAVORS OF LEMON, CEDAR, AND PEPPER. ITS VELVET, SILKY TANNINS LINGER ON THE PALATE, CREATING A LUSH AND JUICY FINISH.

Santa Catalina Island is but one of central and southern California's eight coastal Channel Islands, each of which boasts a colorful and interesting history. Decades ago, the largest of them, Santa Cruz, was home to a thriving vineyard and winery. Established in the late 1800's, the operation was shut down after Prohibition, and, despite the vineyards' near complete removal and few vines remained! When we heard about those we asked the island's new owner, The Nature Conservancy, if they would allow us to gather cuttings for our Catalina Island project and, to our delight, they agreed! Now Santa Cruz Island Zinfandel vines flourish at El Rancho Escondido on Catalina.

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