

STONE STREET

ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN ESTATE



Alexander Mountain Estate stands on the western ridge of the Mayacamas Mountains towering over the Alexander Valley below. High elevations, volcanically derived soils and cooling maritime breezes give us a unique location from which to pursue the quest of mountain winegrowing. Of the 5,100 acres that make up the Estate, only 900 are planted to grapes (235 individual vineyard blocks) while the remaining land retains its natural biodiversity and abounds with streambeds, redwoods and ancient oaks, providing a habitat to cougars, owls and black bears.

Opulent Restraint

2005 MERLOT

Sourced from gravel benchlands in the Alexander Valley, the Merlot displays what can best be described as opulent restraint. The palate flavors are both savory (espresso/walnut) and fruit driven (pomegranate/cherries), while the structure is at once tightly strung and plush. Our winemaker likes to say that our Merlot has “one foot in the New World and one foot in the Old.”

OVERVIEW

American Viticultural Area (AVA): *Alexander Valley, Sonoma County*

Region: *California's North Coast*

Predominant Geology: *Alluvial Soil and Volcanic Rock*

Vineyard Location: *76 miles north of San Francisco, 23 miles east of the Pacific Ocean, 25 miles northwest of Calistoga*

Winemaker: *Graham Weerts*

Vineyard Manager: *Tony Viramontes*

Key Blocks: *608 and 601*

Vine Spacing: *8 x 5 feet*

Vines Per Acre: *1,089*

Exposure of Slope: *North and South*

Year Planted: *1996*

Rootstock: *101-14 and 3309C*

Clones: *181, 343, 347 and 15*

HARVEST DATA

Dates of Harvest: *September 23rd through September 26th, 2005*

Average Tons Per Acre: *3.63*

Average Ripeness: *24.84 Brix*

WINEMAKING DATA

Fermentation: *Native and Inoculated yeasts*

Barrel Aging: *12 months in small French oak barrels, 43% new, medium toast*

Date of Bottling: *August 2007*

Quantity Bottled: *5,218 cases*

Fining/Filtration: *1 rough filtration*