

RUSACK

SANTA CATALINA ISLAND VINEYARDS

2014 ZINFANDEL SANTA CATALINA ISLAND



VINTAGE: 2014
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 2016
CASES PRODUCED: 205 CASES
RETAIL PRICE: \$72.00
RELEASE DATE: WINTER 2016
FERMENTATION: TEN DAY FERMENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 20 DAY EXTENDED MACERATION IN 1 TON OPEN BINS WITH REGULAR HAND PUNCH DOWNS
AGING: 16 MONTHS
75% FRENCH OAK, 25% AMERICAN OAK (28% NEW)
BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 13.5%
pH: 3.57
TA: 0.712G/100ML

TASTING NOTES: SPICY AND FRUIT FORWARD, 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, a 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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