



RUSACK

2014 CATALINA ISLAND VINEYARDS ZINFANDEL



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. The largest of them, Santa Cruz, was home to a thriving vineyard and winery, which was established in the early 1800's. Though the operation was shut down and the vines torn out after Prohibition, we heard about a few wild vines that had survived in the rugged hills of the island's Central Valley, and went to investigate. The Nature Conservancy allowed us to gather cuttings, and now Santa Cruz Island Zinfandel vines flourish at El Rancho Escondido on Catalina. The result is not only history in a bottle, but a truly unique and distinctive Zinfandel from this very special Channel Island clone. 205 cases were produced.

Spicy and fruit forward, the wine from this special vineyard is not only history in a bottle, but a truly unique and distinctive Zinfandel. The result is a wine that exudes aromas of fresh cranberries and leather, along with concentrated flavors of plum, cedar, and clove. Its velvet, silky tannins linger on the palate, creating a lush and juicy finish.

Optimum Storage Conditions: Constant temperature, 55-58° f, darkness
Aging Potential: To enjoy young fruit aromas, consume within 1-3 years of bottling date. For extended aging under ideal conditions, consume within 3-10 years of bottling date.

Appellation: California

Varietal: 100% Zinfandel

Grower/Ranch: Rusack, Santa Catalina Island Vineyard

Produced & Bottled By: Rusack Vineyards, Solvang Ca

Bottling Date: February 19th 2016

Cases Produced: 205 cases

Release Date: November 2016

Fermentation: Fermented in 1 ton macro bins

Aging: 75% French oak, 25% American oak, 28% new oak

Aged for 16 months, Unfiltered

Bottle analysis: Alcohol 13.5%, pH 3.57, ta 0.712 g/100ml