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Since 2001 Forgeron Cellars has been devoted to crafting artisanal, small-lot wines that explore the nuances of several highly respected and diverse vineyard sites throughout Washington's Columbia Valley. Showcasing the unblemished character within each varietal and revealing the unique vintage conditions of the fruit has resulted in a proud tradition of 90+ point award-winning wines.

## 2018 ZINFANDEL

Alder Ridge Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills

Alder Ridge Vineyard has been the sourcing site for our Zinfandel for years, and this year is no different. The bright profile shows a different side on Washington State Zinfandel that will make you wonder why it wasn't done before. Beautiful boysenberry and dark chocolate aromas keep you interested with every swirl of the glass. On the palate you enjoy earthy complexity complemented by delicate candied red fruits. A radiant and textured Zinfandel, this wine pairs exceptionally well with barbecued meats.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

As a varietal, Zinfandel can be difficult to grow as the clusters are large and often ripen late in the season. In Eastern Washington, this late ripening can cause the clusters to become moldy before they have fully ripened. We choose to source our Zinfandel from Alder Ridge because the site conditions provide what is needed to produce healthy, ripe Zinfandel. Located on a steep, south-facing slope that overlooks the Columbia River, this vineyard site enjoys great air drainage and adequate sunshine. The soils are very sandy and create a poor growing environment that, in-turn, promotes the vines to produce fruit with concentrated flavor intensity.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The summer of 2018 was one of the hottest years on record throughout the eastern side of Washington. We experienced several weeks of 95-degree and higher temperatures; at long last, a cooling trend arrived in August. The stretch of hot weather allowed an extended hang-time, resulting in appealing, complex flavor. This vintage turned out to be truly remarkable, producing lots with bright, fresh notes and seemingly innate balance.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: 100% Zinfandel  
Vineyard: Alder Ridge  
AVA: Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Valley  
Coopering: Aged 18 months aging, 10% new French oak 10% new American oak, 80% neutral french oak  
pH: 3.84 | TA: 5.7 g/L | Alcohol: 14.9%  
Bottled: March 2020  
Production: 245  
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