



2018 Rita's Block
Red Wine
Alegría Vineyards
Russian River Valley
Sonoma County
90 Points from Wine Enthusiast !!

Rita's Block is an exotic field blend grown at the Alegría Vineyards in the Russian River Valley with 20 different varietals creating this complex wine. This special wine is tended to by friends and family throughout the entire year, leading up to hand harvesting by this group. After an early morning harvest on October 7th, the grapes were quickly destemmed and crushed to preserve their flavors and aromas while still cold from the overnight chill. Cellared 24 months in 70% new American Oak (Minnesota).

Other Facts: Field Blend

Composition: Zinfandel – 59%; Primitivo – 23%; Alicante Bouschet – 5%; Petite Syrah – 2%; Trousseau – 2%; Syrah – 2%; Charbono – 2%, Mataro – 1%, Tinta Cao – 1%; Einset – 1%; less than 1%: Negrette, Petit Beclan, Garnacha, Mystery, Liatiko, Grand Noir Calmette, Petit Bouschet, Rubired, Royalty, Carignane

Alcohol: 15.7%

pH: 3.62

TA: 5.6

Cases produced: 112

\$65/750mL

\$150/Magnum



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Key Viticultural and Enological Facts

Soil	Haire clay loam
Clone	20 Varietal field bland
Harvest Brix	24.2
Harvest Date	10/7/18
Yeast type	D21
Fermentation timeline	10/7/18 – 10/18/18
Fermentation technique	Open air T-bins
Press details	Basket press (all done by hand)
Barrel date	12/12/2019
Bottle Date	1/14/21
Barrels	America Oak (Minnesota) 40% new
Release Date	October 2024
pH	3.62
T/A	5.6 g/L
R/S	<0.1%
V/A	0.57 g/L
Alcohol	15.7%
Production	112

Tasting Notes:

Deep garnet with only slight rim browning. Black cherry, tar vanilla. Medium to low acids, medium, well balanced tannins. Toasted smokey oak. Medium balanced finish