

2019

VARIETAL

95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah

COOPERAGE

14 months French, Hungarian and American Oak

ALCOHOL

14.9%

PRODUCTION 1,100 Cases

SRP

\$29

UPC

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## GEHRICKE

Russian River Valley - Zinfandel Healdsburg, California

## **Tasting Notes**

With a deep magenta hue, fruit forward aromas leap from the glass with blackberry cobbler, ripe red cherries, milk chocolate, smooth leather and a touch of white pepper. Similar in fashion, the palate boasts flavors of raspberry jam and ripe red plums surrounded by a juicy acidity. The finish is round and lasting, driven by a complex oak spice.

## Vintage Notes

The 2019 growing season began about two weeks earlier than usual. The Russian River Valley experienced some rain during flowering, followed by cool temperatures that allowed grapes to mature gradually. Fruit ripened at lower sugars, thanks to the extended cool growing season which produced wines full of flavor, fresh acidity and balance.

## **Food Pairings**

Enjoy this juicy red wine with a variety of hard and richly flavored cheeses, barbecued short ribs with a spicy rub or a hearty spinach and ricotta cannelloni.

Growing up in Sonoma, we spent a lot of time exploring the local countryside: finding our way through neighboring vineyards owned by old friends and family. I remember the excitement of discovery and freedom while thoroughly studying our small town and its outskirts. I remember old dusty roads that led to forgotten vineyards and properties Gehricke is a tribute to one such road.

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