



2013

Zinfandel

For When Medication Is Required (10)  
Alexander Valley, Sonoma, California  
Stuhlmuller Vineyard  
50 cases



The 2013 growing season in Alexander Valley was fantastic. An early season for bud break and veraison lead to an even growing season with moderate temperatures and mild early season rain.

Harvest was clean, abundant and long, giving growers a chance to harvest at optimal ripeness. The wines show perfect aromatic qualities and ripe, seamless structures. There was greater tannin structure in 2013 than in 2012 or 2011 for Stuhlmuller Vineyard Zinfandel. The wine will take a little longer to come around and may show more closed upon release. A benefit for the cellar!

Our Zinfandel comes from block's 15 and 17 from the Stuhlmuller vineyard. As usual there is roughly 17 percent field harvested and co-fermented Petite Sirah. 10 percent whole cluster along with whole berries were fermented in open top stainless steel tanks. American and French barrels were used, 20 percent of which were new. The wine was transferred to older barrels and from these I selected 2 badass barrels that worked well together. The 2013 Kitten Swish Zinfandel kicks ass.

The For When Medication Is Required series takes its shape from a collection of antique syringes brought home from Mexico by my darling Samantha. They are made of glass, having a particularly charming noise to them when propelled. These would have been used over and over again...a time gone by in the medical field.

I have always been intrigued with medical instruments. The shapes and sizes, the ability to do precise work, the enabling of wellness...things designed for the purpose of helping others.

Wine is a kind of medication. It is orchestrated for our well being. Its calculated doses are part of our everyday culture. Our wine glasses and the bottles we pour from are all instruments of pleasure. We use wine to relax, we use it to entice, we use it for fuel for the mind and body. We use it as required.

For When Medication Is Required is the first time we have used a theme for multiple releases. We have added numbers to the right of the title to differentiate the bottlings. We will continue this numerical system for all future releases, allowing you to count your Kitten Swish collection accurately. Happy Swishing.

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