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Alegria Vineyards
Russian River Valley
Sonoma County

Double Gold Medal – Chronicle Wine Competition
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Rita's Block is an exotic field blend grown at the Alegria Vineyards in the Russian River Valley with 18 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 starting at 2AM on September 26th, the grapes were quickly destemmed and crushed to preserve their flavors and aromas while still cold from the overnight chill. Cellared 18 months in 30% new American Oak (Minnesota).

Other Facts: Field Blend Composition: Zinfandel – 69%; Primitivo – 14%; Alicante Bouschet – 4%; Petite Syrah – 2%; Trousseau – 2%; Syrah – 2%; 12 Additional Varietals: Tinta Cao, Mataro, Negrette, Charbono, Ciiieglio, Einset, Royalty, Garnacha, Liatiko, Peloursin, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Graciano
Alcohol: 14.1%
pH: 3.47
TA: 6.7
Cases produced: 143
$62/750mL
$135/Magnum

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Key Viticultural and Enological Facts

Soil	Haire clay loam
Clone	18 Varietal field bland
Harvest Brix	24.2
Harvest Date	9/26/2016
Yeast type	D21
Fermentation timeline	10/7/2016 – 10/18/2016
Fermentation technique	Open air T-bins
Press details	Basket press (all done by hand)
Bottle date	6/18/2018
Barrel Date	10/18/2016
Barrels	America Oak (Minnesota) 30% new
Release Date	July 2018
pH	3.47
T/A	6.7 g/L
R/S	<0.1%
V/A	0.45 g/L
Alcohol	14.1%
Production	143

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