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The Home Ranch Zinfandel by Seghesio is a powerful and elegant expression of Zinfandel , crafted from the historic vines of Alexander Valley, showcasing over a century of winemaking heritage.

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Alcohol :15,50 %

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Home Ranch Zinfandel 2021

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The Home Ranch Zinfandel is crafted from Seghesio's **historic Home Ranch Vineyard**, located in the heart of **Alexander Valley, Sonoma County**. These original vines, planted in **1895**, are among the oldest in the region, thriving in soils that encourage deep roots and concentrated fruit. This vineyard exemplifies the unique terroir of Alexander Valley, where a warm climate and excellent drainage promote optimal ripening conditions.

The 2021 vintage benefited from a **moderate growing season** with limited water supply, allowing grapes to ripen at a steady pace. Despite reduced yields due to early-season low moisture, the resulting grapes were intensely flavored, reflecting the richness and vibrancy of the vintage.

Winemaking

The grapes for the 2021 Home Ranch Zinfandel were **hand-harvested** and sorted before gentle destemming. Fermentation occurred in **small open-top fermenters**, with pneumatic punchdowns to ensure precise extraction during the **9–12 days of maceration**. After fermentation, the free-run juice was transferred to barrels for **malolactic fermentation**.

The wine was aged for **15 months** in a combination of **15% new French oak barrels** and **85% neutral French and American oak barrels**. It was racked twice before blending and once more prior to bottling, allowing for a balanced and polished final product.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with a purple hue.
- **Aroma**: Sweet dried sage, blackberry pie, and dark chocolate cherry cordial.
- **Palate**: A symphony of black cherry and graham cracker crust flavors, with juicy, velvety tannins. The rich and powerful finish balances the bold complexity of the wine.

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Did you know?

The Home Ranch Zinfandel is built around vines planted by the Seghesio family in **1895**, marking over 125 years of winemaking tradition. This historic vineyard reflects the legacy and enduring quality of Seghesio's Zinfandel expertise.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised short ribs**: The wine's rich fruit and velvety tannins complement the savory depth of slow-cooked beef.
- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary**: The bold flavors of lamb pair beautifully with the wine's spice and berry notes.
- **Mushroom and truffle risotto**: The earthy tones of truffles enhance the wine's complexity and structure.
- **Dark chocolate mousse**: The wine's cherry and chocolate notes create a luxurious pairing with bittersweet chocolate desserts.



Wine Spectator (WS) : 93 Points (2021)

Plump and richly structured, with blackberry cobbler, licorice and brown baking spice flavors that slowly take on structure and focus toward jammy tannins. Drink now through 2032.



Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 92 Points (2021)

An opaque ruby red, the 2021 Zinfandel Home Ranch has more depth, with licorice, black plum and purple flowers. Full-bodied, with blackberry, lavender, and baked earth, this is a highly attractive and juicy wine to drink over the next several years.



Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 93 Points (2019)

This wine includes fruit from the original Seghesio planting in 1895 five generations later, the family continues to base its business on zinfandel. Their 2019 is a muscular wine, a lasting mineral essence tied to the intensity and concentration of old-vine fruit. Its juiciness feels like it comes directly from the grape skins, broad and generous.The tannins are in sync and the wine shows integrity," said James Conley of Keen's Chop House in NYC. It's youthfully tight, set to age for a decade or more.