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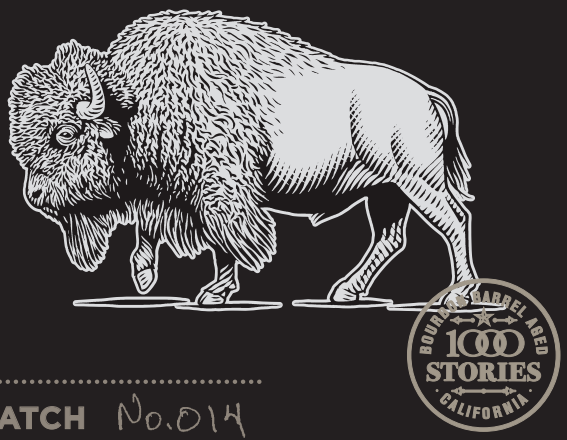


VINTAGE 2014 | SMALL BATCH No.014

## ZINFANDEL BATCH 14 | 2014

### CALIFORNIA

### OUR STORY

"Years ago, when I was just starting out as a winemaker, it was almost unheard of to get French oak wine barrels and American oak barrels were for whisky, not wine. But we still needed barrels to age our wine, so we purchased new and used bourbon barrels. Today, American and French oak wine barrels are commonplace, so the inspiration for 1,000 Stories is a nod to the way things were."

Bob Blue

BOB BLUE, *WINEMAKER*

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### THE WINE

Batch #014 was born from the rugged old Zinfandel vineyards of Mendocino (46%). The free standing vines at these vineyards bestow the grapes with potent red fruit aromas along with flavors of cranberry and raspberry. It was then balanced out with grapes from Dry Creek Valley (21%) that provide flavors of complex black fruits and distinct black pepper spice. The addition of fruit from Amador County and Shenandoah Valley (11%) contributed big ripe plum and white pepper flavors to the wine's tapestry which was then completed with Zinfandels from Lodi (8%), Colusa (8%) and Contra Costa (3%) that added more red fruit and ripeness to the flavor profile. The final step was to add some Petite Sirah and Syrah from Mendocino to deepen the color and enhance the spiciness of the batch.

Each individual lot started the aging process in traditional American and French wine barrels. The next step was the introduction of the wine to bourbon barrels. This process is similar to aging in wine barrels, but with a flavor profile unique to the charred bourbon barrels – vanilla, dried herbs and a hint of caramel. The final step of the process was the most grand: the blend completed its barrel ageing in old bourbon barrels from famed distilleries such as Heaven Hill and Four Roses.

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 0.58 g/100ML **pH:** 3.61
**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 0.59g/100ML **ALCOHOL:** 15.5% A.B.V.
**NEW BOURBON BARREL COOPERAGE:** Independent Stave Company

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