

# ACORN

2011 Medley®

*Alegría Vineyards, Russian River Valley*

Every ACORN wine is a co-fermented field blend of grape varieties we grow in our Certified Sustainable Alegría Vineyards in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley.

Since 1990, our passion has been to carry on and expand the tradition of field-blending wines. Reviving our century-old field-blend vineyard inspired us to continue the practice when we planted our new vineyards.

To honor the land and maintain it for future generations, our farming is sustainable and labor intensive. Hand-tending each vine, ten or more times a season, ensures a balanced crop that produces flavorful wines reflecting the distinctive expression of each vintage in Alegría Vineyards.

*Betsy and Bill Nachbaur*

## Vineyard and Winemaking Notes

Like a musical medley (an arrangement of interwoven melodies) each vintage of ACORN Medley is a unique vineyard composition that reflects the terroir of our vineyards, the unusual diversity of 60+ grape varieties we grow, and our field-blending tradition.

For each vintage, creating Medley is our priority. We blend this elegant "blend of blends" first to capture the essence of the year in Alegría Vineyards.

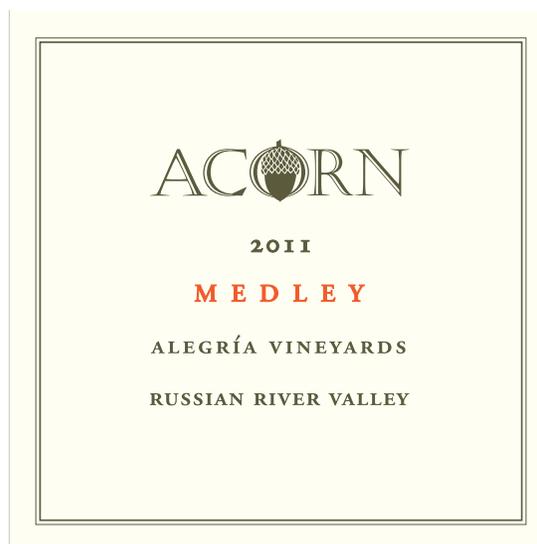
For our 12th rendition of ACORN Medley, we first crushed and co-fermented our "base blend," which includes relatively rare grapes such as Cinsaut, Mataro, Blue Portuguese, Liatiko, Grenache, eight different muscat varieties, Viognier, Einsett, and other table grapes.

After the base blend and all our other 2011 field blend wines aged six months in barrel, we conducted tasting trials to see how our other 2011 wines complemented the base blend, then assembled the final Medley blend for another six months of barrel aging before bottling.

## Tasting Notes

Inviting aromas of fresh-squeezed raspberry and strawberry are layered with spicy plum and earthy floral notes. The bright, fruit-forward entry showcases mixed red berries and a touch of rhubarb mid-palate. Dark striations of spicy cherry, dark plum, and vanillin oak fill in the finish as the flavors linger. Integrated supple tannins and oak provide a solid foundation.

Try this delicious, harmonious blend with vegetable Bolognese over pappardelle, a juicy lamb burger, or spinach, berry, and pistachio salad.



## Composition

A vineyard blend of 29% Syrah, 23% Zinfandel, 13% Alicante Bouschet, 10% Cinsaut, 8% Muscats, 5% Dolcetto, 5% Petite Sirah, and 7% other varieties.

Vintage	2011
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	October 1, 2, 12, 13, 17 & 18, 2011
Brix (average)	24° Brix
Barrel Aging	12 months
Type of Oak	38% American [8% new], 38% French, 24% Hungarian
Bottled	December 12, 2012
Case Production	317
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.7
T.A.	5.6g/L
Release Date	Fall 2014

