

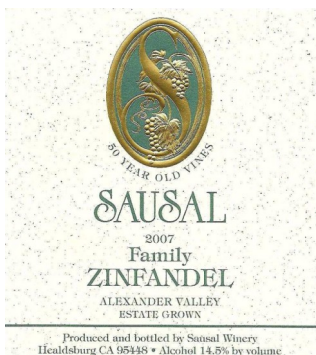
# SAUSAL WINERY

Alexander Valley

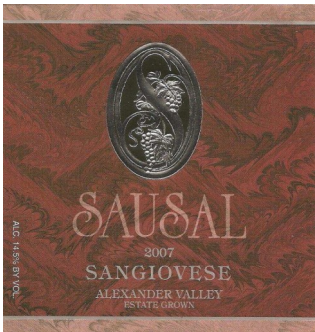
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Cabernet Sauvignon and the three Zinfandels



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## OVERVIEW

First-generation Italian-American Leo Demostene purchased Sausal Ranch in 1956, which was even then home to some of the oldest vineyards in the U.S. Leo had been the winemaker at his father-in-law's Soda Rock Winery since 1936, a role he kept until his death in 1973, the same year Leo's children were finally able to install winemaking facilities in an old prune dehydrator, turning the 125-acre Sausal Ranch into an estate winery. David Demostene, winemaker for Sausal, continues the practices he learned at both his father's side and that of his maternal grandfather, Abele Ferrari (who made wine in Italy before he emigrated to the U.S., invented several pieces of advanced winemaking equipment, and purchased Soda Rock Winery). Leo's other three children—Ed, Peachie, and Cindy—each continue to have a hand in the operations of the winery as well.

**Varieties:** Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Petite Sirah, Carignan, Cabernet Franc  
**Total Acreage:** 85 acres  
**Average Production:** 6,000 cases

## VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Vineyards are dry-farmed
- Wine aged for a minimum of 18 months in French and/or American oak

## WINES

### Sausal Family Zinfandel Alexander Valley

A serious Zin made from old vines (50+ years old) and aged in French & American oak, it remains soft-edged and youthfully appealing with a lightly coffee-stained radiance.

### Sausal Private Reserve Zinfandel Alexander Valley

A dense Zinfandel from a single block of 90+ year-old vines. Has a radiant black fruit character, the soul of which is almost savory. A bold, strapping wine with significant structure to sustain it for a decade or more of cellar time.

### Sausal Century Vines Zinfandel Alexander Valley

From a small block of vines over 130 years-old, the fruit of this lithe, sleek Zin is so concentrated and vibrant that almost two years in French oak leaves little trace. Continually unfolding in a dialectical fashion, adding new features with each go round, this wine has a long track-record of ageability.

### Sausal Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley

Sausal produces a miniscule amount of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. It has a velvety texture with a smooth, refreshingly low-country expression of spicy red & black fruit.

### Sausal Sangiovese Alexander Valley

The family also produces a minute amount of this bright cherry-oriented Sangiovese, which has a seductive, only-in-California aroma, and a long finish of spicy, mouth-watering red fruit preserves.

## ACCOLADES

"...always one of the top Zinfandel producers..."

Robert Parker, *Wine Buyer's Guide*

From a vineyard planted in 1877, and yields of less than one-half ton of fruit per acre, the **2007 Zinfandel Century Vines** exhibits remarkable finesse and elegance (for a wine made from such low yields) as well as notable power (14.7% alcohol). Its dense ruby/purple color is followed by notes of briery berry fruit, spice box, pepper, and earth. With medium to full body, abundant purity and richness, and an impressive finish, it should drink well for 4-6 years.

Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*, #187