

The Pearl 2018, San Lorenzo Estate Heritage Vineyard

108 cases

2016 Vintage - 97 pts Wine Spectator

(highest rated Zinfandel Blend in the history of the magazine)

2015 Vintage - 95 pts Wine Spectator



When my great grandfather, Francesco Passalacqua, purchased this vineyard in 1896 with ten gold coins he earned working in California's goldmines, the deed made reference to a young zinfandel vineyard. That vineyard I still tend today. In fact, walking the vineyard I realized it is not simply Zinfandel, so I enlisted the expertise of Dr. Andy Walker from UC Davis to help me identify the abundance of varietals. We discovered our own gold mine.

While this century old field blend is 60% Zinfandel, the remainder boasts not only Zin's usual companions, Petite Sirah and Carignane but also Grand Noir, Alicante, Negrette, Peloursin and Mataro. My mother cherished this original block of San Lorenzo. In her honor, we call it 'The Pearl'.

Varietal Composition: 69% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Sirah, 5% Carignan, 10% mixed reds (Grand Noir, Alicante Bouschet, Mataro, and Negrette)

- **Peter Seghesio**, Winegrower & Winemaker

