Vineyard Notes
This unsuspecting location for a century-old vineyard sits in back of the St. Peter’s Catholic Church in the middle of Cloverdale. Still owned by the parish, and farmed by the late Ulises Valdez, this vineyard consistently produces very special fruit. This vineyard has somehow managed to survive, prosper, and lend its budwood to a new generation of Zinfandel. The two-acre block of old vine Zinfandel is actually relatively free of the viruses that plague so many of California's old vineyards. The reason for this is that the vines are so old, they were planted before the leafroll virus infected rootstock sources in the early part of the 20th century. The vineyard was laid out with Zinfandel planted in the middle and other varieties such as Carignane, and an old “field blend” assortment of heirloom varieties around the outside. Ulises was very careful to drop lots of fruit from the vine to ensure the concentration and robust flavor of the grapes.

Production
Pick Date: 9/1/2017
Fermentation: 7 tons fermented in tank with two pump overs daily, and 2 tons fermented in ton macro bins with two punch downs per day
Yeast: D80 to tank and RP15 to macro bins
Malolactic: Elios 1
Aging: We selected the very best barrels from the 2017 St. Peter’s Church lot and allowed them to age an extra seven months
Bottled: 1/2019

Winemaker Comments
Hello Reserve. This Reserve bottling of the St. Peter’s Church Zinfandel was created using the best barrels from the 2017 St. Peter’s Church lot and aged for a total of 16 months in tight grain French and American oak. The result is rich and decadent with notes of black raspberry, black cherry, cinnamon, sarsaparilla, cedar, cherry vanilla milkshake, boysenberry and freshly cracked white pepper.

Technical Specifications
Appellation
Alexander Valley
Composition
95% Zinfandel
3% Alicante Bouschet
2% Petite Sirah
Alcohol
15.42%
Residual Sugar:
0g/100ml
pH
3.65
Total Acidity
0.62g / 100ML
Barrels
70% neutral Oak
20% new French Oak
10% new American Oak
Release Date
December 2019
Suggested Retail
$75