



*The beautiful portrait in profile on the label is that of Velia Velcha, an Etruscan noble woman. During the 4th century BC the Etruscan reign was in decline, and the Romans were gaining power. This circumstance perhaps suggests the reason for her graceful, yet melancholy expression.*

### **VELIA, SONOMA COUNTY RED WINE**

From winemaker Gus Gamba, the Velia blend was sourced from several vineyard sites within the Russian River Appellation, and is composed of a base of Zinfandel, Primitivo and Petite Sirah. Driven by our quest to create the most compelling wines, we combined elements of our heritage as our inspiration, and then set out to produce wines that would allow us to unlock and explore a world of possibilities in the freedom of blending, while providing a modest tribute to honor the legacy of this wonderful, enigmatic culture that celebrated wine, introduced wines and carried the knowledge of winemaking to its neighbors around the Mediterranean.

The 2012 Velia is our premiere release blend, and we are thrilled to offer you this limited production wine. This lovely Zinfandel based wine is a brilliant deep crimson, offering compelling aromas of dark plum, fig and currants. This blend exemplifies the vibrant elements and complex flavors that are signature attributes of classic Russian River Valley fruit. Well balanced, with a well-defined structure, the wine delivers mouthwatering flavors of luscious brambly fruit, ripe berries, and candied fruits, accented with allspice, cocoa, and cedar. Sweet, creamy toasted oak notes and elegant tannins lend a lush mouth feel and a polished, silky texture to this wine, ending in a lingering and delicious finish.

Aging: 16 months French and American Oak Cooperage  
Limited Production of 250 cases

*Although the origins of the ancient Etruscans are lost to history, we celebrate their legacy and honor this once thriving wine making culture through this unique blend we call Etrusca. Explore your roots. Per la Salute'!*