

STONE HILL

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OZARK HELLBENDER

OZARK HELLBENDER INFORMATION:

Hellbenders are some of the largest amphibians in the world and part of the only group of animals that breathe mainly through folds of excess skin between their front and back legs. Early observers of this animal gave it the name Hellbender because its slow, twisting motions when moving in the water conjured up images of the torturous pangs of the damned in hell. Other amusing nicknames it acquired included devil dog, ground puppy and snot otter. The Ozark Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*) is a subspecies found only in the Ozark Mountains of southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. For the past couple of decades Hellbender numbers have suffered drastic declines and the Ozark Hellbender is now classified as Critically Endangered. Fortunately a collaborative captive breeding and research effort is now underway between various State and Federal agencies and Zoos to achieve long-term recovery of this very unique animal. Stone Hill Winery is committed to raising awareness for the plight of the Ozark Hellbender.

VARIETAL INFORMATION:

Since the Ozark Hellbender spends most of its life secretively hiding under rocks in the bottom of Ozark streams we are keeping our blend a secret as well. But we'll give you some hints! All variety of grapes used are grown in the Ozark Mountain AVA. Some grapes aged for one year in neutral oak barrels to bring out complexity, softness and drinkability. Then just before bottling, like any good family recipe, we add the final variety which is held secret only for our winemakers to know. The final blend is 13.0% alcohol and has a dry taste impression with 1.5% residual sugar.

TASTING INFORMATION:

Smooth red blend aromas of toasted coffee beans, roasted vanilla, a smoky chocolate note and a touch of black pepper and a bit of black currant and eucalyptus. A soft, complex and very drinkable wine. (750ml)

AWARDS:

93 pts - American Wine Society Competition
DOUBLE GOLD - American Wine Society Competition

PACKAGING SPECS AND UPC:

60 cases per pallet
15 cases per pallet layer
36.4 pounds per case



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