



2015 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Zinfandel



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietals: 96% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 15% by vol.

pH: 3.73

TA: 6.2 g/L

Fermentation: 100% Barrel
Aged for 10 months French oak,
43% new

In the Vineyard

The grapes for our 2015 Small Lot Zinfandel are sourced from a single vineyard in Wild Horse Valley in the eastern part of Napa Valley. The cooler location allows the fruit to ripen with minimal raisining which Zinfandel is notorious for in order to get freshness without the pruny characteristics. A hint of Petite Sirah was included for flavor intensity and complexity, creating a wine that is worthy of inclusion in our limited-production Small Lot Collection.

About the Vintage

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the early growing season in the Napa Valley in 2015 resulted in early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures later in the season caused uneven fruit set and resulted in a smaller crop than previous average yields. Winemakers and vineyard crews worked diligently to pick and sort the best berries. Harvest began as early as July 22nd, one of the earliest harvests recorded and concluded by mid-October. While drought was still a concern for most of California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year.

Conversations with the Winemaker

The grapes for our 2015 Small Lot Zinfandel were hand sorted and fermented in stainless steel tanks for 25 days with pump-overs performed twice daily. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged in French oak barrels for 10 months from primarily Leroi and Orion coopers.

Wine Profile

Aromas of fresh raspberry, ramble huckleberry and mulling spices burst forth from the glass in our 2015 Small Lot Zinfandel. Incredibly juicy with pepper spice and toast on the finish, the red fruit flavors mingle and spread across the palate. With integrated, tarry tannins the wine has a rich mouthfeel and good structure. Enjoy it with grilled duck breast or BBQ ribs.