

N A P A VALLEY

Raymond

2016 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Zinfandel



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietals: 95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.68

TA: 5.8 g/L

Fermentation: 100% Barrel Aged for 8 months French oak, 45% new

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for our 2016 Small Lot Zinfandel are sourced from a single vineyard in St. Helena with 20+ year old, head trained vines. The vineyard features bale clay loam soil which is a deep, alluvial soil from mixed sources and allows for better drainage resulting in intensely flavored wine. A hint of Petite Sirah from our estate vineyard 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 2016 vintage across California was a near-perfect growing season. A mild winter and spring led to a steady mild July and August, followed by warm days at the end of the season for the perfect ripeness. With warm days and cool nights in the summer, grape growers were able to maintain ideal acid levels with balanced, concentrated fruit flavors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes for our 2016 Small Lot Zinfandel were fermented in small, half ton bins with a short fermentation period to preserve freshness. The wine was left on the skins for 13 days then gently pressed, racked and aged in French oak barrels for 8 months. The barrels being 45% new French oak, with the balance in twice filled French oak primarily from Seguin Moreau cooper.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2016 Small Lot Zinfandel is bursting with aromas of fresh raspberry and blackberry with a hint of cinnamon and nutmeg. On the palate, this medium bodied wine is bursting with juicy red fruit, fresh cracked pepper and a touch of toasted bread. Strong tannins are well structured and balanced creating a rich mouthfeel with a long, luxurious finish.