

N A P A VALLEY

Raymond

2017 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Zinfandel



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietals: 96% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.80

TA: 6.0 g/L

Fermentation: 100% Barrel Aged for 10 months in 21% new French oak

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for our 2017 Small Lot Zinfandel are sourced from two vineyards in northern Napa Valley where the temperatures are warmer resulting in less rot. The Calistoga vineyard has 45-year-old vines while the vineyard in St. Helena has 25-year-old vines and 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 Calistoga was included for flavor intensity and complexity, creating a wine that is worthy of inclusion in our limited-production Small Lot Collection.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were picked in the cool morning hours between September 6 – 21, 2017 before being fermented in small, half ton bins with a short fermentation period to preserve freshness. The wine was left on the skins for an average of 16 days then gently pressed, racked and aged in 21% new French oak barrels for 10 months.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2017 Small Lot Zinfandel opens with aromas of fresh strawberry, raspberry and hints of delicate white flowers. This is a medium bodied wine with juicy flavors of blackberry, rhubarb, orange peel and a touch of nutmeg and cracked pepper. Integrated tannins and balanced acidity round out this well-structured wine. The finish is long and lingering.