

Raymond



2018 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Zinfandel

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for our 2018 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 on September 26, 2018 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 18 days then gently pressed, racked and aged in 24% new French oak barrels for 12 months.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley
Varietals: 97% Zinfandel, 3% Petite Sirah
Alcohol: 15.5%
pH: 3.90
TA: 5.7 g/L
Fermentation: 100% Barrel Aged for 12 months in 24% new French oak

WINE PROFILE

Our 2018 Small Lot Zinfandel opens with aromas of fresh strawberry, red currant and hints of delicate white flowers. This is a medium bodied wine with juicy flavors of blackberry, plum and a touch of nutmeg and cracked pepper. Well integrated tannins and balanced acidity round out this well-structured wine with a long-lasting finish.