

# 2013 ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

## Vintage

The 2013 vintage delivered one of the most ideal growing seasons to date. The year began with a warm, dry spring that laid the foundation for an exceptional fruit set. Despite one heat spike in late June, the vines had perfect conditions to move through each growth stage with ease. The vines were a picture perfect representation of health, as the grapes moved through veraison. The long, dry summer gave way to one of the earliest harvests to date in the history of Napa Valley. With no inclement weather in sight, vineyard managers had time on their side to pick at the optimal moment of balance and ripeness to create the best expression of their terrior. The wines from this vintage will represent the best of what Napa Valley can do and will be sought after the world over.

## Vineyard

Our family vineyard is located on 40 acres of Napa Valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail. It has well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids and naturally balanced tannins. Titus Vineyards Napa Valley Zinfandel is produced from 30+ year-old vines that are planted on St. George rootstock and dry-farmed. This old-world winegrowing practice produces low yields of concentrated fruit.

#### Wine Profile

Visually this wine is as impactful as the flavor profile, with a gorgeously opaque royal purple core giving way to a clear ruby red rim. Toasted oats and brown sugar notes curl around juicy cranberry-raspberry on the nose, reminiscent of a crisp just out of the oven, followed by balsamic strawberry reduction, faint rose petal and just a hint of the saddle. On the palate toast, oak and macerated strawberry are crowned by a high, bright ribbon of caramel, and robed in red delicious apples and watermelon candy. It is long and lean on the palate, with medium body and an everlasting finish showing considerable ageability in the tannins.

#### **Technical Information**

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Blend:	85% Zinfandel
	15% Petite Sirah
Cases Produced:	2219
Harvest Date:	September 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2013

Release: Aging: Bottled: Alcohol: Total Acidity: pH: March 2015 16 months December 2014

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