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## 2016 ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

### *Vintage*

It isn't often that you can claim a near-perfect growing season, but in 2016 we could do just that. Moderate rainfall, a low number of frost hours and another mild spring lead to early bud break into flowering and then to fruit set in a steady rhythm. July and August were relatively mild – perfect for veraison - with warmer days coming in September and the beginning of October. 2016 marks the fifth consecutive stellar vintage of Napa Valley wines, another pearl on the strand for quality perfection in Napa Valley wines.

### *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.

### *Vinification*

2016 was an excellent growing season for Zinfandel. With even heat throughout the ripening period the grapes could develop the ideal amount of flavor and depth before being harvested in mid-September. The wine was aged in for 10 months in 30% new American Oak.

### *Wine Profile*

The wine has beautiful aromas of strawberry soda, red liquorish, five spice and molasses. The flavors remind the senses of candied cherry, autumn spice, cracked pepper and horehound. This Zinfandel has a refreshing mouthfeel that makes it a great wine for enjoying anytime or with your favorite grilled meats. The wine exemplifies the concentration and grace with our old Zinfandel vines, of which were planted in 1977. Enjoy this wine upon release through 2030 and beyond.

### *Technical Information*

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Release:	September 2018
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Barrel Aging:	10 months
Appellation:	Napa Valley		30% new American Oak
Harvest Date:	September 2016	Alcohol:	15.9%
Blend:	90% Zinfandel	Total Acidity:	6.2 g/l
	10% Petite Sirah	pH:	3.89
Cases Produced:	1386		

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