



## 2017 Ancient Vines Calistoga-Napa Valley Zinfandel

This wine is our fifth bottling of our 'Ancient Vines' Zinfandel. This wine is a product of our continuous search to source grapes from old heritage vines that showcase the beauty, complexity and magnificence that these vines are capable of. The Canard Vineyard, formerly the Tucker Ranch, is one of the oldest grapevine plantings in all of the Napa Valley. The property was the original homestead of Captain Reason P. Tucker, who gained notoriety for leading the efforts to rescue the survivors of the ill-fated Donner Party. From this majestic site in Calistoga we get fruit from vines 140 years old (planted 1877).

This Ancient Vine Zinfandel dazzles with intense aromatics, pleases the palate and stays with you on the finish. Dark garnet with hints of crimson in color, the wine is a mélange of aromas and flavors. Notes of blackberry jam, cocoa powder, sweet holiday spices, smoky oak and clove serve up these intense aromas. The texture is thick and yet creamy with layered, smooth tannins. This wine exhibits what we love most about our Zinfandels, balance and refinement paired with rich fruit and an overall drinking pleasure. This Zin drinks well now, but will age nicely for another 7-10 years.

The grapes for this wine were picked at 26.9 brix with a total acid of 0.62 g/100ml and a pH of 3.59. The fruit was then destemmed into a small open-topped fermenter and punched down daily by hand. The wine was then racked to a special four barrel selection where we used two new hybrid French/American oak barrels and two previously used American oak barrels. It was barrel aged for 17 months and then bottled unfinned and unfiltered. **Only 97 cases produced.**

Vintage	2017
Wine Type	Red
Varietal	100% Zinfandel
Appellation	Calistoga-Napa Valley
Alcohol	15.2%
Cases	97
Barrel Aging	17 months in 50% new French/American Hybrid Oak, 50% 3 year old barrels

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