



2018 Ancient Vines Calistoga-Napa Valley Zinfandel

This wine is our sixth 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 vintage is deep purple in color and effuses tons of crushed sweet blueberry, mulberry, brambly herbs, and sweet spice notes. Rich, medium to full-bodied, sweetly fruited, and with ripe tannins, this is one sexy Zinfandel that can be drunk today or cellared for 10 more years. Get plenty of extras of this one will not last!

The grapes for this wine were picked at 27.1 brix with a total acid of 0.62 g/100ml and a pH of 3.55. 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 72 cases produced.**

Vintage	2018
Wine Type	Red
Varietal	100% Zinfandel
Appellation	Calistoga-Napa Valley
Alcohol	15.2%
Cases	72
Barrel Aging	17 months in 33% new French/American Hybrid Oak, 67% 2 year old barrels

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