

# THE TERRACES

## 2014 Zinfandel NAPA VALLEY



Varietal:	86.2% Zinfandel 13.8% Petite Sirah
Cases:	711
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled:	May 13, 2016
Released:	August 1, 2016
Suggested Retail:	\$38.00
Vineyard:	73% of the fruit comes from The Terraces Estate vineyards in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. Additional Zinfandel and Petite Sirah come from the Dollar Ranch in lower Chiles Valley.
Vintage:	Close to ideal, a third consecutive epic vintage. Although a drought year, late spring rains provided ample moisture to the vines to develop a strong canopy with above average yields. A relatively cool summer with few heat spikes resulted in beautiful fruit through veraison and ripening. Terrific Fall weather ensured grapes reached ideal maturity.
Production:	Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemmed. Each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a long cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A mix of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved to 35% new French and American barrels to finish malolactic fermentation. Under careful watch and tending, the wine was blended and bottled after 20 months.
Tasting Notes:	Deep purple color, with aromas of black currant, bramble, black cherry, and baking spices. Palate is complex with ripe flavors of blueberry, black currant, black cherry and baked plum. Finish carries through with hints of nutmeg, cinnamon, black pepper, and juniper with a long, bright, mouth-watering finish. Drink now to 7-10 years.
The Terraces:	130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.