

# THE TERRACES

## 2016 Zinfandel NAPA VALLEY



Varietal:	89.7% Zinfandel 10.3% Petite Sirah
Cases:	735
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled:	May 11, 2018
Released:	November 1, 2018
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:	The mild winter gave way to slightly early bud break, followed by a relatively steady and mild July and August. Thanks to a series of significantly warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. just in time for a condensed harvest season. With the Valleys first significant Fall rainstorm arriving on October 14, the harvest season wrapped up earlier than most.
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:	One of the three estate grown varietals, our Zinfandel is always a fan favorite. The 2016 vintage has a deep ruby color, with aromas of ripe raspberry, fresh blackberry, toasted cedar, vanilla and baking spice. The palate is bright with mouth-watering acidity and complex flavors of cranberry, baked red cherry, espresso, and a touch of white pepper. The generous finish and soft integrated tannin draw you back for the next sip. Drink now, or age for 5-8 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.