

# THE TERRACES

## 2018 Zinfandel NAPA VALLEY



Varietal:	87.9% Zinfandel, 12.1% Petite Sirah
Cases:	809
Alcohol:	14.6%
Bottled:	May 15, 2020
Released:	November 1, 2020
Suggested Retail:	\$42.00
Vineyard:	The fruit comes from The Terraces Estate vineyards in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA and from the Dollar Ranch in lower Chiles Valley.
Vintage:	After a soggy February and March, warm weather brought a slightly later bud break. Flowering occurred under ideal weather conditions, creating bountiful fruit set. The growing season proved to be idyllic with long warm days and cool evenings. To everyone's surprise the vineyard development was uninterrupted by the Valley's typical heat-spikes. The moderate heat extended with gorgeous Fall days allowing for extended hang time in the vineyards allowing complex flavor development without the fear of overripe fruit or rot. The 2018 harvest proved bountiful with production above average for this stellar vintage.
Production:	Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemmed, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A mixture 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:	Zinfandel is the variety that started all at The Terraces. This is one of the three estate grown varietals and is always a Terraces favorite. The 2018 vintage show lovely aromatics of dark fruit, clove, black pepper, vanilla and toasty oak. Rich in the mid pallet, this wine coats the mouth. With a long finish this is a big wine and it will only get better with time. The soft integrated tannin and long finish draw you back for the next sip. Drink now, or age for 5-8 years.
The Terraces:	With 136 years of grape growing and 36 years of winemaking, our history inspires us to create singular wines of astonishing value. Each vintage we produce makes up less than 3500 cases. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa!