

THE TERRACES

2015 Zinfandel NAPA VALLEY



Varietal:	88.9% Zinfandel 11.1% Petite Sirah
Cases:	662
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled:	May 12, 2017
Released:	November 1, 2017
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:	Unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop. The high temperatures in August and early September accelerated maturity and picking times. Although yields were lower this is a vintage of exceptional quality.
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, the 2015 Zinfandel has 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.
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.