

THE TERRACES

2017 Zinfandel NAPA VALLEY



Varietal:	89.2% Zinfandel 10.8% Petite Sirah
Cases:	796
Alcohol:	14.6%
Bottled:	May 12, 2017
Released:	November 1, 2019
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:	Abundant rainfall broke the long drought, followed by a mild Spring. The rain and cooler temperatures resulted in sleepless nights dealing with frost and extended flowering. The growing season showed tremendous vigor thanks to the abundant Winter rainfall and the growing season progressed uneventfully. Extreme heat over Labor Day weekend, kicked harvest into high gear and thankfully by the start of the Valley fires on October 8th, over 95 percent of our tonnage was in. Although the fires were devastating we were able to continue our work at the winery and have ensured yet another top quality vintage through ongoing rigorous evaluations of our grapes, fermenting wines, and aging wine.
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:	Zinfandel is the variety that started all at The Terraces. This is one of the three estate grown varieties and is always a Terraces favorite. The 2017 vintage has a gorgeous medium purple hue, with rich aromas blackberry, black cherry, cacao, cinnamon, nutmeg and a hint of vanilla. The palate showcases complex flavors of black plum and ripe blackberry with savory white pepper, baking spices and espresso on the finish. The soft integrated tannin and long finish 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.