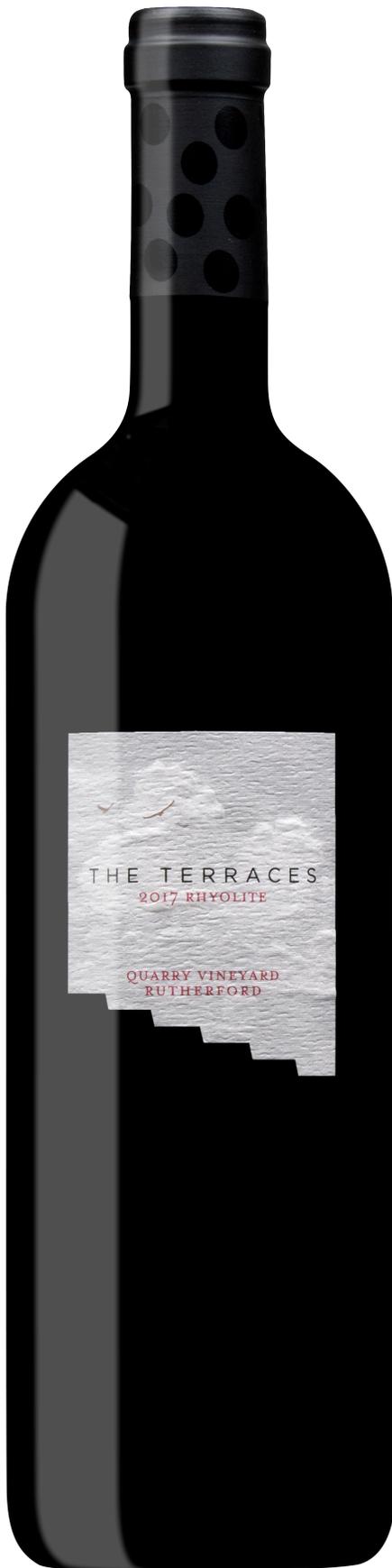


THE TERRACES

2018 Rhyolite Red Blend

Rutherford, 100% Estate



Varietal: 69% Cabernet Sauvignon
14% Cabernet Franc
17% Zinfandel

Cases: 368

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottled: May 3, 2020

Released: November 1, 2021

Suggested Retail: \$95

Vineyard: The Terraces estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog. The fruit for this wine is estate grown and comes from six unique hillside blocks

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 de-stemming, 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 combination 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 with lees to 35% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: The 2018 Rhyolite has an inviting deep purple hue with aromas of ripe blackberry, dried plum, espresso, earthy tobacco and violet. The rich palate offers mouth coating soft tannin with flavors of black cherry, black currant, earthy black tea leaves, and Rutherford dust mixed with hints of subtle vanilla and clove. This impressive wine has a finish that lingers long after each sip. Enjoy today or age for 8-12 years.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 35 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.