

# THE TERRACES

## 2019 Zinfandel NAPA VALLEY

Varietal: 96% Zinfandel  
4% Petite Sirah

Cases: 637

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottled: May 19, 2020

Released: November 1, 2021

Suggested Retail: \$45

Vineyard: The fruit comes from The Terraces Estate vineyards in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA from the Dollar Ranch in lower Chiles Valley.

Vintage: The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

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 2019 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: 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.

