



2017 AIDA ESTATE ZINFANDEL



Harvest Date: September 1, 2017

Barrel Age: 20 months, 100% new,
100% French Oak, 500L puncheons

Cooperage: Ermitage, Saury

Bottling Date: June 3, 2019

Alcohol: 14.9%

Release Date: Spring 2020

Cases Produced: 295

Retail Price: \$95 ~ 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be the ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals as well as Zinfandel. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the Zinfandel grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

THE VINTAGE Mother Nature was in full swing during 2017, kicking off with the winter of 2016/2017 being one of the wettest in many years. The Napa River reached flood levels and some vineyards became temporary lakes. By the time of bud break in spring, some parts of Napa Valley had reached over 50" of rain, however the rains set up the vines well for early growth. The spring of 2017 was beautiful and moderate followed by a freak hailstorm in mid-June which caused some berry-set damage mostly to mountain vineyards. Veraison was about a week late, but an exceptionally hot August quickened the ripening curve. During the last week of August some areas reached as high as 115°F. Another heat spike came during the first week of September, which kicked cabernet sauvignon ripening into high gear for most early ripening sites, including ours, and significantly accelerating harvest. The heat spikes turned out to be very fortunate, as the evening of October 8 was one of the windiest and driest on record, resulting in unprecedented wildfires that raged in the hills and into the fringes of the valley floor for over a week.

THE WINE Deep and dark in color, the 2017 Aida Estate Zinfandel possesses expressive aromas of white flowers, lifted raspberry preserves and brambly blackberry that are complimented by hints of white pepper and mountain sage. Upon entry, the blue and black fruits are accompanied by warm baking spices and intense earth and tobacco tones. Full-bodied throughout, this food friendly Zinfandel maintains its freshness and structure with mouth watering acidity and long, chewy, supple tannins on the finish. Crafted to be thoroughly enjoyable upon release, this wine will also age gracefully for 15+ years.