

## **2019** AIDA ESTATE ZINFANDEL



Harvest Date: September 16, 2019

Barrel Age: 20 months, 100% new,

100% French Oak, 500L puncheons

Cooperage: Ermitage, Saury

Bottling Date: June 1, 2021

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

Release Date: Spring 2022

Cases Produced: 394

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 The 2019 vintage was spectacular from start to finish. Some areas of Napa Valley recorded as much as 40–50 inches of much needed rain over the winter. The wet soils delayed budbreak and additional April rains provided a fully saturated environment for the vines. Spring weather was mild and ideal for fruit set and the summer of 2019 was phenomenal, for both the vines and the vineyard workers. Very few heat spikes and a long, drawn out growing season provided excellent, uniform ripening across all varietals.

THE WINE White floral notes, strawberry rhubarb pie and freshly zested orange rind provide the opening introduction to the 20th vintage of the Aida Estate Zinfandel. Further swirling exhibits floral and fruit notes that quickly and seamlessly give way to savory meaty notes of grilled venison and pork loin. Medium to full bodied in weight, this wine provides a succulent mouthfeel while never losing its great acid structure and polished demeanor. On the palate, ripe blackberries, all-spice and cassis delight and lead to a never-ending, spice driven finish.