



## 2020 AIDA ESTATE ZINFANDEL



**Harvest Date:** September 4, 2020

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

**Cooperage:** Ermitage, Saury

**Bottling Date:** June 7, 2022

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Release Date:** Spring 2023

**Cases Produced:** 148

**Retail Price:** \$95 ~ 750ml

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**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** As a result of the dry and temperate winter, the 2020 bud-break began a few weeks earlier than average. Spring did not bring much relief for growers in terms of water supply and irrigations were started early and continued frequently throughout the growing season. The vintage will forever be remembered by the August 14th extreme heat wave followed by an unprecedented round of over 11,000 lightning strikes across Northern California over a 36 hour period. The rest of the growing season and resulting harvest was more like an action packed movie than grape growing or winemaking. We came together as a team, however, and worked extremely hard, at times in dangerous circumstances, to produce a portfolio of beautiful, well-balanced, meticulously-crafted 2020 Vineyard 29 wines.

**THE WINE** Deeply ruby in color, the 2020 Aida Zinfandel weaves a fragrant bouquet of boysenberries, blooming white flowers and the subtlest dusting of white pepper. Balanced acidity and medium-full body house palate notes of dark Mexican chocolate, cardamon, brambly blackberries and the slightest hint of orange rind. Silty, fine grain tannins allow this wine to pair beautifully with food and will compliment your charcuterie, salmon or good old fashion ribs with elegant ease.