



## 2016 Zinfandel, Oakville, Napa Valley

**WINE PHILOSOPHY:** Highlands Napa Valley believes that quality wine making begins in the vineyard. We focus on small lot production using inspired and uncompromising winemaking techniques that express the finest fruit and terroir of each vintage. Bottling wines of intensity and exceptional character demonstrates our commitment to excellence. We appreciate your partnership in our discriminating enological experience of enjoying beautifully hand crafted wines.

**FOOD PAIRINGS:** Our 2016 Zinfandel exemplifies the varietal characteristics in a balanced, elegant package to compliment traditional pairings of cheese, roast meats, poultry, and pasta. The exceptional bright character of this vintage will pair perfectly with Mediterranean seasonings and Southern spiced foods and especially savory dishes.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** *A near-perfect growing season*

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October 14. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. Vintners are happy with the gift Mother Nature has given them: a fifth consecutive vintage of stellar quality Napa Valley wines.

**TASTING NOTES:** The beautiful deep berry color is only a prelude to an aromatic nose filled with cassis and a bit of smoke and pepper. This Zinfandel features an inviting balance of spice and creamy oak undertones which flesh out the juicy blackberry, pomegranate and light citrus flavors this vineyard is known for. A long and soft silky finish completes this fresh and sassy Zin.

**CELLARING:** This wine is beautiful upon release and benefits from a moderate decanting. Cellar time will evolve the wine for 2-5 years. Enjoy

### TECHNICAL DATA:

<b>Fermentation</b>	Half Ton Macro Bin
<b>Aging</b>	22 months in 33% new French and American Oak Barrels
<b>Blend</b>	100% Zinfandel
<b>Appellation</b>	Oakville District of Napa Valley
<b>Production</b>	282 cases
<b>Alc.</b>	15.2 %
<b>pH</b>	3.8
<b>TA</b>	5.5 g/L

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