



2015 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 2015 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: Our 2015 Napa Valley growing season was marked by yet another year of drought. The uncommonly warm late winter and early spring temperatures translated into early bud break and bloom. Cold May temperatures challenged the bloom and resulted in lower crop yields than previous years. Early bud break and summer hot spells triggered one of the earliest harvests on record. Although the year was noted by wildfires to the north, the prevailing winds favored Napa Valley with no smoke taint. This vintage benefited from our close working relationship of grower and winemaker to achieve ripeness with clarity, defined flavors and balanced and structured tannins.

TASTING NOTES: The beautiful wine deep berry color is only a prelude to an aromatic nose filled with cassis and a bit of smoke and pepper. Inviting balance of spice and creamy oak undertones 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:

Fermentation	Half Ton Macro Bin
Aging	22 months in 33% new French Oak Barrels
Blend	100% Zinfandel
Appellation	Oakville District of Napa Valley
Production	175 cases
Alc	15.4 %
pH	3.8 TA 5.9 g/L

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