



2018 NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

WINEMAKING

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Zinfandel

HARVEST DATE

October 13, 2018

BRIX AT HARVEST

25.1°

MACERATION

Average 13 Days

BARREL AGING REGIMEN

13 months in 35% new oak

New Oak Profile: 63% Hungarian, 37% French

Overall Oak Profile: 62% French,

22% Hungarian, 16% American

PH: 3.45 pH | TA: 6.82 g/L | RS: 0.04%

ALCOHOL

15.4% by volume

PRODUCTION

835 cases (9L)

WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

HERITAGE

BORREO RANCH (100%) – In 1888, Italian immigrant and Napa grocer Felix Borreo built a stone and redwood winery on his vineyard property near Napa Soda Springs. Borreo planted new vines in addition to fruit and olive orchards. In 1992, the Miller family purchased the site, and the winery remained one of Napa's last 'ghost' wineries – until it was destroyed in the 2017 wildfires. These bottlings are the Miller family tribute to Felix Borreo and this fruitful property.

SOILS + CLIMATE

The Zinfandel hails from the steep and cobbly soil of the Borreo Ranch Vineyard. The vineyard benefits from perfect western exposures to the late afternoon sun. Colder temperatures, due to the altitude and the canyon shading, make for longer growing seasons which produce blackberry and black pepper flavors in our Zinfandel.

VINTAGE

February saw abundant rains, followed by a relatively cool spring and early summer. Bud break occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating a plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun and cooler marine influences, uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The mild summer was followed by moderate heat in the fall, which allowed fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

TASTING NOTES

Spicy cola nut, black pepper and briary patch aromas. Medium-bodied with a broad mid-palate filled with fresh fig, ripe black and boysenberry fruit, and nuances of both cinnamon stick and savory spices. Well-balanced with bright acidity which helps carry the ripe fruit flavors through to a moderately long finish with vanilla and spicy flavors that linger.

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