



STORYBOOK
MOUNTAIN
VINEYARDS

2018 Napa Estate Reserve Zinfandel

Selected from those barrels promising the depth and intensity for long aging, this wine takes complexity and finesse to another level. We search primarily for flavor purity, focus, length and balance, to produce wines that can be described as multilayered, and provide intensity without heaviness. While balance and fruit encourage early consumption, these same characteristics, coupled with a refined tannin structure, provide the basics for the integration and silken complexity that comes to our Reserves after a decade or more.

Tasting notes:

Cool, long fermentations enhance Zinfandel's traditional berry profile with an added, black cherry and spice overtone that is uniquely Storybook. The flavors are focused, infusing the palate with the cherry/berry promise of the aromatics with an added dollop of the spice and black pepper that is so unique to Zinfandel. The finish is complex, focused and lasting. Enjoy!

Vineyard:

Occupying a mountainside at the head of the Napa Valley, Storybook is the coolest vineyard in the north end of the valley, with a heat summation that of the Carneros region. Zinfandels were first planted here in 1883. It is a grape unusually well adapted to the volcanic red clay loam soils, eastern exposures and microclimate of our hillside estate. The vines are hand tended, from pruning through picking. The crop is severely regulated, with two green harvests in May and August, to maintain just the right number of grapes on each vine, averaging 2 tons per acre. No insecticides or herbicides have been used since our purchase and revitalization of the property in 1976, and we are now CCOF certified organic growers.



Vintage: 2018

Grapes: Estate Grown
CCOF certified organic

Alcohol: 14.5%

Harvest: September 11 to October 29

Cooperage: 16 months
French and American Oak

Bottled: February 2020

Production: 434 cases