



STORYBOOK
MOUNTAIN
VINEYARDS

2020 Napa Estate Reserve Zinfandel

Selected from those barrels promising 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 create a wine that is multilayered and provides 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:

Intriguing aromatics – Ripe black cherries, cardamom, sandalwood, and baking spices. The focused, concentrated palate is a linear iteration of the nose, with a dollop of raspberries added. The finish is vibrant with a lingering sensation of the black cherries and spices found in the opening aromatics. Unusually complex and fascinating now, it will be even better after a decade.

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 two 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: 2020

Grapes: Estate Grown
CCOF certified organic

Alcohol: 14.9%

Harvest: September 08 to October 04

Cooperage: 13 months
French and American Oak

Bottled: December 2021

Production: 168 cases