



STORYBOOK
MOUNTAIN
VINEYARDS

2017 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:

"There are certainly Zinfandels that speak with a more forceful voice, but very few can rival the eloquence and sophistication found here, and, once again, Storybook Mountain has come up with a complete and carefully crafted offering that, while long on real varietal soul, has an uncanny resemblance to finely structured claret. Though not at all brooding or so tightly wound as to demand lengthy keeping, it is a wine that will age and age and show even greater grace and complexity with time, and, given its maker's well-established track record for making exceptionally long-lived Zins, we have no hesitation in predicting that this one will continue to impress once its twentieth birthday has come and gone." **95 Points**, Connoisseurs' Guide

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: 2017

Grapes: Estate Grown
CCOF certified organic

Alcohol: 14.6%

Harvest: September 4 to October 8

Cooperage: 16 months
French and American Oak

Bottled: January 2019

Production: 230 cases