



Girard
NAPA VALLEY

2019 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

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VINTAGE NOTES

The year started out with ample rainfall which kept the soils moist and cool into spring. Summer was marked by warm, even daytime temperatures with few extreme heat spikes. The opportune weather conditions continued into late summer and fall. The harvest was of average volume, if not slightly below average, and the fruit quality was exceptional; allowing us to craft wines with texture, structure, and finesse.

VINEYARD NOTES

Sourced from select vineyards, including Morgan Vineyard in the southeastern area of Napa Valley where the cooler climate affords grapes abundant ripeness, fresh acidity, and bright fruit flavors. Another key source, Godward Vineyard in Calistoga, is planted with older vines, and adds deep wells of flavor and polished character to our Old Vine Zinfandel.

TASTING NOTES

The nose reveals racy aromas of blackberry jam, cherry cobbler and spicy white pepper. Plum, cherry, and dried herb flavors flood the palate, framed by a careful selection of Fusion barrel oak; savory notes imparted by the American oak, Hungarian oak elevates Zinfandels' characteristic sweet spice, and the French oak affords the wine a smooth and luxurious finish.

Fusion Barrels are fast becoming a hallmark of the Girard barrel aging regime, but what are they? Produced by World Cooperage, this series of barrels is custom designed and tailored specifically to our winemaker's specifications. A custom blend of different oak species, literally a fusion of oak, crafted into a single barrel with the intention of imparting complexity and nuance in the wine aged therein.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 90% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah, 2% Grenache, 2% "Mixed Blacks" field blend of grapes

APPELLATION Napa Valley | **AGING** 18 months in Fusion barrels comprised of French, American and Hungarian oak, 40% new

ALCOHOL 15% | **TA:** 6.7 g/L | **pH** 3.62 | **RESIDUAL SUGAR:** .83 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 2,460 cases