



# 2018 Napa Valley Zinfandel



## TASTING NOTES

Fragrant earthiness lies beneath rich black cherry and plum flavors in this full-bodied, deep-colored wine. Mocha, cardamom, and baked cherry enhance the wine's refreshing acidity and powerful tannins that find harmony on the lingering finish.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Frank Family is passionate about California's heritage grape, Zinfandel. A notorious uneven ripener, it is difficult to grow in certain years, but 2018 brought generous sun and a long, mild harvest season which provided our grapes ideal conditions to ripen fully. Some of our estate Zinfandel vines were planted as early as 1999 and continue to produce stellar fruit each year.

## SOURCING

This Napa Valley-designate wine is cultivated from our estate vineyards in Capell Valley and Rutherford and from neighboring vineyards in St. Helena and Calistoga. Frank Family's S&J Vineyard is comprised of 75 planted acres on fertile, well-draining soil, reminiscent of the Rutherford Bench. Our newest family-owned vineyard, Benjamin Vineyard, is located east of Conn Creek Road on the Rutherford floor. The site is anchored by gravely loam soil as a result of sediment from the nearby Conn Creek and Napa River.

## AGING

16 months in 33% new and 67% once and twice-filled French oak barrels

Varietal Composition	89% Zinfandel, 11% Petite Sirah
Harvest Date	September 9 - October 16, 2018
Bottled	April 9, 2020
Acid	0.64 g/100ml
pH	3.69
Alcohol	14.8%

**90** Points, Wine Advocate

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