



Girard
NAPA VALLEY

2018 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL
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VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal with even ripening and a long, evenly paced harvest. Yields were slightly below average and grape quality was quite high.

VINEYARD NOTES

Sourced from select vineyards, including Morgan vineyard in the southeastern area of Napa Valley where the cooler climate affords grapes brisk 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, bergamot citrus and black pepper. The palate is medium-weight and endowed with lush flavors black plum and cherry, dried herbs. Savory notes are imparted by the American oak, while the 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 94% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah, 1% Mourvèdre, 1% Grenache

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

ALCOHOL 15% | TA: 6.8 g/L | pH 3.69 | RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.1 g/L | PRODUCTION 3,000 cases