



# CHAPPELLET

## 2019 Zinfandel

### Napa Valley

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#### The Wine

Long regarded as the quintessential “California” grape, Zinfandel played an historic role in the emergence of California as a producer of flavorful, delicious wines. Widely planted throughout the state by the early wine pioneers, the grape is valued for its rich flavors and suitability to the climate. Our 2018 Napa Valley Zinfandel was produced from 50-year-old vines grown in the Mayacamas Range, 2,000 feet above the valley floor.

#### Growing Season & Harvest

The 2019 growing season began with cool, rainy weather throughout winter and spring, which delayed budbreak slightly and resulted in a robust crop and vigorous canopies. To create the desired vine balance, we thinned leaves and clusters extensively, doing as many as three fruit-dropping passes depending on the needs of each vine. The weather remained temperate throughout summer, followed by perfectly timed warm weather in October. As a result, our early ripening grapes yielded wines with dazzling aromatics, lovely energy and pure, fresh flavors, while our later-ripening varieties provided gorgeous color and concentration, with supple tannins and rich, soaring flavors.

#### Tasting Notes

A luxurious old-vine Zinfandel offers alluring aromas of currant, cranberry, ripe plum, rose petal, vanilla bean and black pepper. The ripe red fruit and spice layers are echoed on the palate, where silky tannins and a lush, mouth-filling texture accentuate the briary red berry flavors, with hints of cedar, clove, smoke and spice adding depth and complexity to a long, delicious finish.

#### Wine Statistics

Harvested October 19 – 22, 2019

26.8° Brix at Harvest

14.9% Alcohol

TA – .58g/100ml

pH – 3.75

#### Wine Blend

90% Zinfandel

10% Petite Sirah