

# 2019 ZINFANDEL "HEMINWAY ESTATE RESERVE"

### **ESTATE GROWN AND BOTTLED**

# **Appellation**

Napa Valley

# Vineyards

Chiles Mill Vineyard, 900-1200 ft elevation, 6.93 acres first planted in 1972 Catacula Vineyard, 1200-1400 ft elevation, 9.59 acres planted 1993-1999 Tip Top Vineyard, 1700-2000 ft elevation, 15.21 acres planted 1999

#### Soil

Red Chert veined with Green Serpentine, our namesake soils, intermixed with Sobrante Loam

### **Harvest**

Hand-picked September 19th thru October 17th

### Vinification

Fruit was destemmed onto a shaker table and berry sorted into open top fermenters. A 3-day cold soak was followed by an approximately 10-day fermentation. Aged 14 months in our cave, in 70% American oak and 30% French oak barrels, 20% of which was new oak. After this initial aging period, the five best barrels from each vineyard lot were selected and aged for an additional year in predominantly neutral French oak barrels.

### **Production**

125 cases bottled May 2022

## **Tasting Comments**

Tart plum galette with violet floral notes. Red currants and toasted almonds resolve late with subtle tea leaf tannins.

Alcohol 14.9% TA 5.93 g/L pH 3.70

Recommended Retail Price: \$75/bottle

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On our label is "The Dionysus Cup," an ancient Grecian cup crafted by Exekias in 530 BC, which depicts Homer's "Hymn to Dionysus." Homer tells the story of pirates, cruising along the Aegean, who spot a strapping man and decide to take him hostage. The Helmsman warns them off, but the captain heads out to sea with their captive: Dionysus, the God of Wine. Soon "wine sprang forth, babbling, bubbling over the speedy black ship: it was sweet, it was fragrant, the odor was divine." The sea turned wine red and vines grew up the mast. Dionysius turns into a lion and attacks the captain; the other pirates dive over the edge, where they are turned into dolphins.