



HILL FAMILY
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2016 “Windy Flats Vineyard” Zinfandel

Production: 148 cases

Composition: 80% Zinfandel, 16% Petite Sirah and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard: Windy Flats

Appellation: Napa Valley

Elevation: 500 ft.

Cooperage: 85% new oak, 15 months in barrel, 50% French oak (Treuil Terroir, Orion), 20% Trust Hungarian oak, 15% American oak (Canton)

Alcohol: 15.2%, TA 0.63, pH 3.90

Bottling date: March 21, 2018

Release date: Spring 2020

Release price: \$42.00

The 2016 vintage represents our 5th bottling of Zinfandel, and we have been learning a lot about this vineyard that was purchased in 2012. The Windy Flats Vineyard is in Wooden Valley, carved into the cliffs on the western side of the mountains. The fruit comes from a steep section at the highest point of the vineyard. We usually put this Zinfandel into our Barrel Blend to add bounce and crunchy red fruit, but in 2016 with excellent conditions for ripening, we again saved some as a small bottling just for club members and for our own education, as we have a lot of faith in the future of this dramatic site. Zinfandel is seen as a uniquely Californian variety, and with Windy Flats Vineyard we have a great opportunity to create a small amount of high quality Zinfandel.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:

The 2016 Zinfandel offers aromas of raspberry and plum aromas, with cloves and star anise. The palate is ripe and smooth, with sweet fruit and an easy finish. Savory black licorice and chocolate flavors fill the mid palate, and make this a very drinkable and enjoyable wine.