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## 2017 “Windy Flats” Zinfandel

**Production:** 164 cases

**Composition:** 85% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Sirah

**Vineyards:** 100% Windy Flats Vineyard

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Elevation:** 500 ft

**Cooperage:** 85% new oak, 15 months in barrel, Trust Hungarian Oak

**Alcohol:** 15.3%, TA 0.61, pH 3.76

**Bottling date:** April 18, 2019

**Release date:** May 2021

**Release price:** \$42.00

The Windy Flats Vineyard is carved into the cliffs on the western side of the Vaca mountains. The Zinfandel comes from a section below the highest point of the vineyard. We usually put this fruit into our Barrel Blend to add bounce and crunchy red fruit, but in 2017, we again saved some as a small bottling for our loyal club members, and for our own education, as we have a lot of faith in the future of this dramatic site. Growing conditions were challenging in 2017, as we had quite the heat spell in late August, and this suddenly concentrated and shriveled the fruit. However, we brought it in on September 1 in great shape to make a lively wine. 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 wine.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:**

The 2017 Windy Flats Zinfandel aromas are dark and spicy with raspberry, coconut, and pie cherries. The palate is balanced despite its obvious ripeness. Cherry pie with flaky crust, and some fruitcake flavors round out the elegant finish.