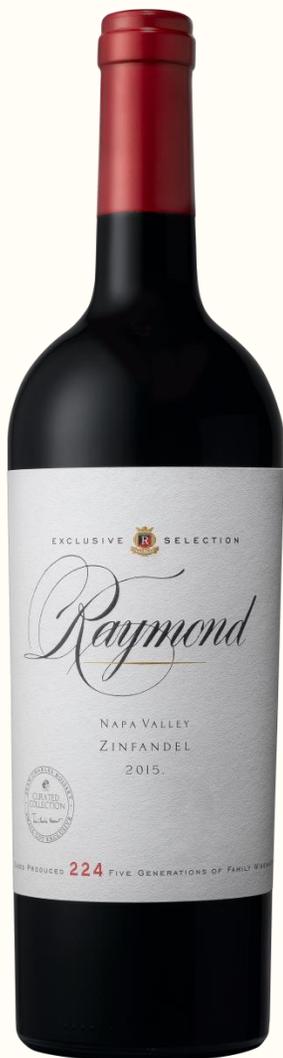


NAPA VALLEY

Raymond



## 2015 Curated Collection Napa Valley Zinfandel



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Alcohol:** 15% by vol.

**Ageing:** 10 months in barrel, French Oak, 43% new French oak

### OUR STORY

Our Curated Collection wines are small-lot selections chosen by Jean-Charles Boisset exclusively for the Boisset Collection Ambassadors. Available for a limited time, each wine is crafted by our winemakers to deliver the highest quality for the price. Curated Collection selections are not sold in tasting rooms or in stores, and are only available through your Boisset Collection Ambassador.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2015 growing season in Napa Valley started out with unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring. This resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May (during the peak of bloom) caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop in 2015, compared to both average yields and also the three abundant years that preceded it. The harvest was one of the earliest on record in Napa Valley, beginning on July 22 with the picking of grapes for sparkling wine, and concluding for most all vintners and growers in the valley by mid-October.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Fruit for our Napa Valley Zinfandel were sourced from a single vineyard in a small valley on the eastern part of Napa. This cooler location is ideal for Zinfandel as it can ripen without raisining and maintain a fruity freshness. The grapes were hand-picked and hand sorted before being gently pressed off early to preserve the bright fruit aromatics. The wine was then aged for 10 months in 43% new French oak. Tightly grained barrels yield their oak characteristics in a more deliberate fashion for a consistent, well-rounded aging process.

### WINE PROFILE

This wine is a classic old-vine Zinfandel, and opens with enchanting aromas of fresh strawberries, raspberries and white pepper. On the palate, there is a hint of oak accompanied by notes of black cardamom, ginger and rhubarb. The finish is slightly sweet, round and lively, making it the perfect pairing for rich cheeses, duck, and roasted lamb.