

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond



2017 JC's Picks Napa Valley Zinfandel



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Alcohol: 15%

Aging: 10 months in French oak,
25% new French oak

In the Vineyard

JC's Picks are small-lot selections chosen by Jean-Charles Boisset exclusively for the Wine Living collection. Available for a limited time, each wine is crafted by our winemakers to deliver the highest quality for the price. JC's Picks selections are not sold in tasting rooms or in stores, and are only available through your Boisset Wine Ambassador.

About the Vintage

The 2017 vintage marked the end of a 5-year drought. Harvest began early at a normal pace in many regions, and then progressed rapidly during a heat wave in late August and early September. Grapes ripened gradually in the cooler temperatures arriving in mid-September. In October, wildfires arrived at the end of harvest when 90% of the grapes were already in. The fires challenged the entire community, but Napa community is resilient and continued to move forward with a profound appreciation for everything we have.

Conversations with the Winemaker

Fruit for our Napa Valley Zinfandel is a blend of two Zinfandel vineyards in St. Helena and Calistoga. 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 25% 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 raspberries, strawberries, licorice, red currants and spice. The finish is slightly sweet with flavors of cranberry and pepper rounding out the wine, making it the perfect pairing for rich cheeses, duck, and roasted lamb.