

Midnight

2016 ESTATE ZINFANDEL

Midnight Cellars Vineyard
Willow Creek District, Paso Robles, CA

WINEMAKER

Rich Hartenberger

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Zinfandel

COOPERAGE

15% new French oak, 85% Neutral

BARREL AGING

24 Months

pH / TA

3.26 / 0.707 g/L

BRIX

25

RS

0.3%

ABV

15.4%

PRODUCTION

645 cases



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage started off with some respectable weather through bloom and set. Our first bit of 100-degree weather came during the sizing phase, which affected the berry growth on many of our varieties. In September, the ripening was lengthened with the hot and cool temperature swings. Overall, winemakers are optimistic about the yields, with no significant factors like freezes or prolonged heat spikes affecting the crop.

TASTING NOTES

This 100% Zinfandel is all about balance between red fruit flavors and bright acidity. A mingle of red fruits - cranberry, raspberry and bitter cherry liquor are forthcoming. The acidity tingles your cheeks. The finish clings to your palate with sweet bramble berries, raisins, anise and plush tannin.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"In true Paso form, this is a wild west Zin."