



MIDNIGHT

C E L L A R S

2017

ESTATE ZINFANDEL

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT,
PASO ROBLES, CA

TASTING NOTES

All Zinfandel. All Paso Robles. The nose is very ripe, concentrated aromas of red fruit, leather, earth, spice and herbs leading to a very structured, full mouth-feel. Complex flavors of peach cobbler, chalk, dried herbs, and earth give way to an array of blackberry, strawberry, and unexpected apple.

WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Estate Zinfandel
COOPERAGE	15% new French oak, 85% neutral
BARREL AGING	24 MONTHS
pH / TA	3.26/ 0.707/ g/L
BRIX	25
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.3%
ABV	16.4%
PRODUCTION	400
ACCOLADES	90 points Vinous



The 2017 vintage saw our drought end with a bang. The wet soils delayed bud-break to a normal time frame and produced such a healthy vineyard that we saw canopy sizes and cane lengths we hadn't seen in years. The summer began relatively cool but was punctuated by two heat spikes that accelerated ripening and produced intense flavors. The resulting vintage shows the health of the vines with a combination of concentration and freshness, with bright acids framing powerful fruit.

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