



MIDNIGHT
CELLARS

2018

ESTATE ZINFANDEL

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT
PASO ROBLES, CA

TASTING NOTES

This is our 21st offering of our Estate Zinfandel. A giant ripe Paso-style Zin with bodacious fruit exploding out of the glass. Red fruit, dried herbs and baking spices on the nose alerts the taster that something special is in store. The mouth feel is complex with stone fruit, baking spices, herbs and a chalkiness that comes straight from the vineyard soil. Firm acidity and perfectly balanced tannins make this wine perfect for aging. Enjoy with spicy pasta or smoky grilled meats.

ACCOLADES

93 Wine Enthusiast | 90 Vinous
Double Gold CCWC

WINEMAKER

Rich Hartenberger

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Zinfandel

AVA

Willow Creek District

COOPERAGE

100% French oak, 25% new French oak

BARREL AGING

30 months

pH / TA

3.43/0.64

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.03%

ABV

16.6%

PRODUCTION

1235 cases



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage saw an almost ideal balance of vine health and stress, as is often the case with the first dry year after a very wet one. The rain came late, delaying the onset of budbreak and the beginning of the growing season. The cool weather continued most of the year, punctuated by a six-week heat wave in July and early August. Temperatures moderated before picking began and harvest proceeded under slightly cooler than normal conditions, producing fruit with intense flavors and balanced acidity.

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