



2015 ZINFANDEL LUVISI VINEYARD

<i>Release Date</i>	September, 2017
<i>Production</i>	10 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Calistoga AVA - Luvisi Vineyard
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Old Vine Zinfandel
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 18 months in French and American oak, 30% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>Zinfandel has been part of our winery since the very beginning; in fact it was literally what we were drinking when Kirk and I locked in our plan for the first vintage in 2002. As a formative part of our story, it is important that we honor what was one of the original varietals planted in Napa and consistently produce an exceptional bottle of Zin. To that end, the Luvisi Vineyard in Calistoga has been key. First planted in 1902 and expanded in 1952, this vineyard has been under the continued care of the Luvisi family since the beginning. The quality of fruit shows and though the 2015 vintage was smaller than usual, we were delighted with the quality and think it serves as a wonderful example of the complexity possible for Zinfandel in Napa.</p> <p>On the nose, you will be greeted instantly with layers of raspberry and blackberry compote, joined by more subtle impressions of violet, baking spices and vanilla bean. The generosity continues on the palate with the lush blackberry and raspberry impressions building alongside notes of rhubarb, graham cracker and light acidity to a long finish characterized by vanilla and fine black pepper.</p> <p>We love Zin because it can be enjoyed in all occasions and is equally at home on the dining room table and the tailgate. Enjoy our 2015 Zinfandel now by all means, but we've been thoroughly enjoying some of our earlier vintages recently, so by all means hold a few bottles for extended aging into the early 2020's.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt</i>	HUNNICUTT 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
<i>Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, 9-3-5
