



2016 ZINFANDEL

LUVISI VINEYARD

<i>Release Date</i>	September, 2018
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<i>Production</i>	10 Barrels
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<i>Appellation</i>	Calistoga AVA - Luvisi Vineyard
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<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Old Vine Zinfandel
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<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
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<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 18 months in French and American oak, 30% new
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<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 Justin locked in our plan for the first vintage in 2002. As a formative part of our story, it is important to us 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 we were still experiencing a drought in 2016 the deep roots of this vineyard are experts at feeding themselves and the quality of the vintage ranks among some of the best we've seen.</p> <p>The vibrant and dense ruby red hue of this wine is instantly enticing. The nose then follows the colors promise with lovely abundant notes of raspberry and cranberry tart paired with hints of delicate violet, fine black pepper and refined oak. Once tasted, ripe raspberry and black cherry race around the palate, lifted by playful acidity which frames the mid palate and lends structure to the fruit, holding it to a supple finish with hints of clove, vanilla and a lingering wisp of wild berry compote.</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 2016 Zinfandel now by all means, but with the supple acidity this wine shows, there will be rewards to holding back a bottle or two for future aging of 5-7 years.</p>
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<i>Other Hunnicutt</i>	HUNNICUTT 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
<i>Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, 9-3-5
