



2017 ZINFANDEL LUVISI VINEYARD

<i>Release Date</i>	September, 2019
<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 we locked in the 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.</p> <p>2017 will always be defined by the fires that began in Napa and Sonoma in the midst of harvest on October 8th, 2017. The winery and our team were thankfully spared from any direct damage to property and homes; however three of our vineyard sites had yet to be picked in the affected areas. Once picked and fermentation began, we assessed the resulting wines from those sites and while an unfortunate loss, it was an easy decision to make to declassify and remove them from consideration. Beyond the fires, 2017 was an extremely rewarding year for winemaking. From increased rainfall in the winter to a dramatic heat spike in August, the weather brought challenges, but careful and attentive farming was rewarded with wonderful results in the cellar. The Luvisi vineyard is blessed with a wonderful and dedicated vineyard team, so our fruit came in looking gorgeous during the 3rd week in September.</p> <p>Our 2017 Zinfandel showcases beautiful notes of fresh raspberry and wild blackberry bramble with distinct hints of graham cracker pie crust and white pepper. The palate offers rich fruit concentration which harmonizes with the mid-palate acidity providing balance and vibrancy to the wine and a long pleasing finish. Enjoy with a moderate decant anytime over the next 3 years and this wine will age beautifully for another 3-5 years beyond that.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley HUNNICUTT 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, 9-3-5