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2018 ZINFANDEL

LUVISI VINEYARD

- Release Date:*** September, 2021
- Production:*** 12 Barrels
- Varietal:*** 100% Zinfandel
- Vineyard:*** Luvisi Vineyard,
Calistoga AVA, Napa Valley
- Winemaking:*** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors
Kirk Venge, Winemaker
- Cooperage:*** Aged for 18 months in both French and American oak, 30% new.
- Vintage Notes:*** As vintages go, 2018 was joyously tranquil. From the start in early February and through the mild weather of the Spring flowering season, nature cooperated in exactly the ways desired for an ideal grape set. As summer progressed, we saw relatively few heat spikes and slow, but steady progress in the vineyards which lead to extended hang times. While calm, 2018 was a marathon for winemaking as it required extended focus on the needs of each individual vineyard site well beyond the average year. Happily, this attention was rewarded with beautiful wines across our portfolio.
- Vineyard Notes:*** Situated on the eastern side of the valley and at the base of the Palisades range in Calistoga, the Luvisi vineyard was originally planted in 1908 and is farmed by brothers Don and Clarence Luvisi. Our block was an expansion to their original site which was planted in 1952 and sits in a mix of gravel and ancient riverbed loam soils. It is a remarkably consistent, head trained and dry farmed site that has remained a favorite source of ours for over a decade.
- Tasting Notes:*** Deep aromas of boysenberry and blackberry compote join violet and delicate herbals to fill the glass and portend a rich medley of wild berries on the palate. The ample fruit continues to a long finish framed by delicate acidity and hints of graham cracker and clove.
- Aging Advice:*** Zinfandel is fantastic in its youth and is meant to be enjoyed and shared, so ultimately the right time to open it is whenever the mood strikes. That said, 2018 as a vintage is showing excellent potential for the long-term and we have been pleasantly surprised by the thought-provoking potential of Zinfandels as they age and soften, so don't be shy in tucking a bottle or two away for 5 or more years.