



## 2021 ZINFANDEL

*Luvisi*

*Calistoga AVA*

- Release Date:** September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Production:** 10 Barrels
- Varietal:** 100% Old Vine Zinfandel
- Vineyard:** Luvisi Vineyard,  
Calistoga AVA, Napa Valley
- Winemaking:** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors  
Kirk Venge, Winemaker  
Andrew Bohi, Director of Operations  
John DeGregory, Director of Hospitality
- Cooperage:** Aged for 18 months in both French and American oak, 30% new.
- Vintage Notes:** The 2021 vintage will be remembered as a drought year for the valley, with a resulting drop in yields. However, the overall quality of the vintage is superb thanks to those smaller berries bringing an increased concentration of both fruit and structure. Early spring saw periods of unseasonable warmth alongside the occasional cool night which did create some frost concerns, but thankfully a little vigilance in the vineyards kept any damage at bay. Summer and early fall provided heat that cycled predictably between warm days and cool nights which allowed for a very smooth and orderly harvest about 1-2 weeks earlier than average.
- Vineyard Notes:** Situated on the eastern side of the valley at the base of the Palisades range in Calistoga, the Luvisi Vineyard was originally planted in 1908 and is farmed by 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:** Classic varietal aromas of strawberry rhubarb, red currant, milk chocolate and fresh cut cedar emanate from the glass while complex notes of vanilla cream, light mint, bay leaf and cinnamon stick support and enhance the rich fruit flavors echoing on the energetic and elegantly structured finish.
- 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, 2021 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, so don't be shy in tucking a bottle or two away for 5-7 years.