

# 2017 ZINFANDEL Molinari Vineyard St. Helena

#### THE BLEND

90% Zinfandel 10% Petite sirah

#### **PRODUCTION**

488 cases

# RELEASE DATE

February 2020

#### **STATISTICS**

harvested —
August 29 - 30
26.3° brix at harvest
14.4% alcohol
6.1 g/L total acidity
3.65 pH
aged for 12 months in French oak

#### WINEMAKERS

John Williams Paula Moschetti Rory Williams

### VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

## A BRIEF HISTORY

Six generations of the Molinari family have lived on, farmed and made wine from their family's vineyard nestled against the southern flank of St. Helena in the middle of the Napa Valley. This carefully selected twenty-barrel offering of 2017 Zinfandel (with a splash of Petite sirah) from the Molinari vineyard in St. Helena honors our long association and friendship with one of Napa's "first families" of wine.

# ABOUT THE WINE

In a few short years our Heritage Blend has become a wine of legend here at the winery and now has the distinction of being the wine that most rapidly sells out upon release. We get it ... it is fascinating to see from year to year how these old stalwart varietals of a different era come together—always in different proportion—to make a wine that commands respect on even the most demanding dining table. This year six varieties made the blend. It is amazing to think that 50 years ago all of these varieties were more common in Napa than Cabernet sauvignon or for that matter Chardonnay. The wine is simply delicious, beautifully proportioned and immensely satisfying. I personally am taking a bottle to lunch with an old friend to enjoy with Coq au Vin at my favorite Napa eatery, Bistro Jeanty.