

# LAVA CAP WINERY



2018 RESERVE ZINFANDEL

## ABOUT LAVA CAP

Founded in 1981, Lava Cap Winery is a third generation family farm, located in the Sierra Foothills, at an elevation of 2,400FT-2,700ft. The winery and Estate Vineyards are located on a unique outcropping of volcanic soil, the inspiration for the winery's name. The result of elevation and distinct soils are wines that erupt with flavor.

## VINEYARD NOTES

The grapes for our Zinfandel come from a handful of Estate Zinfandel blocks, the majority of which are South facing. The blocks are both Zinfandel and Primitivo clones, which in addition to the different aspects and elevations, offer additional nuance and flavor. The Primitivo is normally picked 2 weeks before our heritage Zinfandel clones, and offers structure and tannin. The heritage Zinfandel clones offer briar, spice, and weight to the wine. In addition to our Estate fruit, a handful of nearby vineyards contribute additional Zinfandel. These vineyards are within 2 miles of our Estate, reaching up to 3,000ft in elevation.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Lava Cap is regarded as one of the premier Zinfandel producers in the Sierra Foothills. Our estate grapes are handpicked at their peak of ripeness, yielding fruit with clean, soft pulp, brown seeds (indicative of gentle tannins), and pure fresh flavors. Aged 20 months in American and French oak barrels

The 2018 Reserve Zinfandel enters with subtle notes of briar and spice which quickly give way to aromas of raspberry liqueur. This robust Zinfandel offers layers of blackberry and black cherry fruit. A warm, luscious finish lingers on with sweet vanilla oak flavors.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: Mid October, 2018

Vineyard: Lava Cap & Neighboring Vineyards

Elevation: 2,400ft-2,900ft

Aging: 20 months in French Oak

Cases Produced: 1500

## Awards

92 points, Wine Enthusiast