



# TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

## 2019 ZINFANDEL



**Vintage:** 2019 is very similar to the near-perfect 2018 vintage. A cold winter with average rainfall made for a late bud-break. Ideal spring weather allowed for nice berry set and above average yields. Mild conditions throughout summer and fall allowed the fruit to slowly ripen and develop maximum flavor. The wines of 2019 are bold and intense with nice structure.

**Vineyard:** There are only 4 acres of Zinfandel planted on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. One acre is in the northern "Highlands" region, and three acres are located at the southern end of the vineyard. The vines range from 21 to 30 years old and grow on steep hillsides composed of volcanic rock and ash. The porous soils and cooler Carneros climate combine to produce an exceptionally intense Zin, with unique fruit and spice components.

**Harvest:** October 25 & 27 • 24.7 °Brix • 3.63 pH • 7.2 g/L TA

**Winemaking:** The grapes were gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. The fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. After 14 days of maceration the lots were pressed, and the wine allowed to settle in tank for 24 hours before going to barrel. This wine was aged in both French (80%) and American oak (20%) for 10 months; 35% of these barrels were new. The wine was racked only one time before being bottled in August of 2020. Truchard Vineyards produces the only Zin made entirely from Napa Carneros fruit.

**Wine Analysis:** 114.2% alcohol • 3.75 pH • 6.4 g/l TA

**Tasting Notes:** An exotic nose of cranberry, rhubarb, and cassis with hints of cedar, tobacco, and mint. The mouth is filled with ripe flavors of plum jam, boysenberry, and sweet vanilla. Round tannins and firm acidity provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruits.

**Release Date:** July 1st, 2021

**Cases Produced:** 238 cases

