



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2020 ZINFANDEL



Vintage: 2020 was a very interesting year in the vineyards. Bud break was normal, but a cold and dry winter combined with unsettled spring weather affected berry set and led to below average yields. Normal conditions throughout summer allowed the light crop to easily ripen. The dual challenges of the pandemic and wildfires during harvest made picking decisions very difficult. Despite these hardships, the wines of 2020 are big, bold, and full of flavor.

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 20 to 28 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 1 & 5 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.65 pH • 7.1 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. This wine was racked one time before being bottled in August of 2021. Truchard Vineyards produces the only Zin made entirely from Napa Carneros fruit.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.74 pH • 6.3 g/l TA

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

Release Date: March 1st, 2022

Cases Produced: 250 cases

Bottle Price: \$30.00

