

HIGH VALLEY *Vineyard*



**VINTAGE 2015
ZINFANDEL**

Located in the Coastal Ranges of northeastern Lake County, the High Valley AVA rises between 1,600 and 3,000 feet in elevation, providing our finest mountain fruit.

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The 2015 vintage was a year of highs and lows. Our Spring had weeks of 100°F weather followed by torrential rain storms. The high humidity put some disease pressure on the vines, then we were bombarded by wildfires. Lady Luck must have been on our side during both the Rocky and Valley Fires; pushing the smoke to the north east, away from our vineyards, and then a day later a rainstorm blew through to clear the air. Despite road blocks that delayed picking by a week, we really got off Scott free and 2015 fruit seems to be our best vintage yet.

BARREL AGING AND WINEMAKING

Round Mountain and Terre Vermielle Vineyards are the source of this High Valley Zinfandel. The north facing slope allows for longer hangtime and development of rich flavors. We use 80% French and 20% American oak for the aging."

Alcohol 15.1%, Total Acidity 0.61, pH 3.93, RS 0.14 **SRP \$30**

"The raspberry and blackberry notes are lifted by spices on the midpalate leading to an integrated, yet subtle oak finish."

- Joy Merrilees, Director of Winemaking and Production