

2019 Buehler Vineyards Napa Valley Zinfandel

The grapes we choose for our 2019 Buehler Vineyards Napa Valley Zinfandel come exclusively from our low-yielding estate vineyards. Dry-farmed for over 32 years, our 4.5 acre estate block consists of mature forty-five year-old vines which typically give us around 2.5 tons/acre of beautiful hillside Zinfandel fruit. Interspersed among the head-trained vines are a handful of Petite Sirah vines representing perhaps 5% of the total vines in this block. A traditional field companion to Zinfandel in pre-prohibition California vineyards, Petite Sirah contributes pepper, color, and tannin structure to the wine.

The 2019 growing season was notable for the generous late rains that made for robust spring growth. Summer saw few heat spikes and the warm days were tempered by many foggy mornings. A long growing season, 2019 will be remembered for providing extended hang time that resulted in intensely flavored fruit with good natural acidity for those winemakers that exercised patience. We completed our Zinfandel harvest on September 15th.

Our Zinfandel was aged for 12 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, 20% of which were new. At this level of “new wood”, the up-front endearing quality of Zinfandel can assert itself. Aromas of a briar patch on a hot summer day carry over to the palate and are carried in a mouth-filling, deeply layered, juicy package. The wine was crafted for immediate enjoyment but for those who enjoy a more complex wine displaying some bottle-aged character, aging for another two to three years is a good option.

David Cronin
Winemaker

Appellation	Napa Valley
Brix at Harvest	26.5
TA	0.63 g/100 ml
pH	3.66
Alcohol	14.9%
RS	0.05 g/100 ml (dry)
Production	1080 cases
Suggested Retail	\$30.00

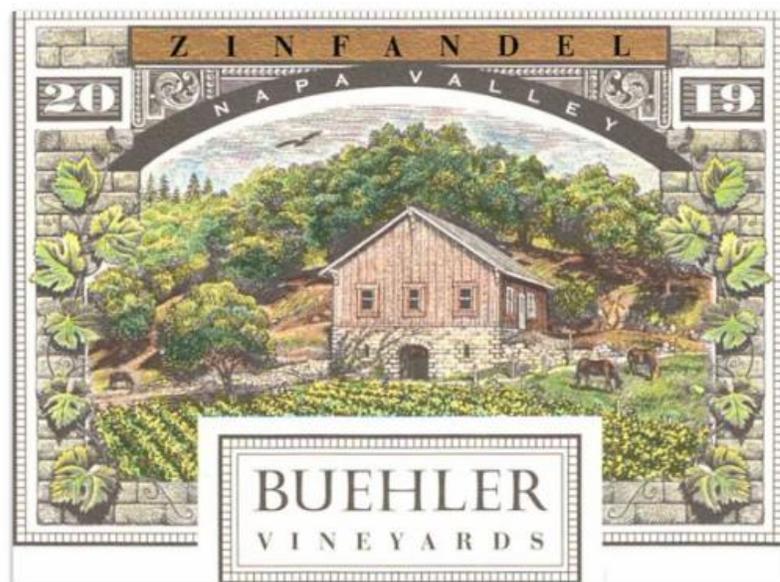
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TASTING HIGHLIGHTS

12 Golden State Values Up to 92 Points

“The [Buehler](#) family is in its fourth generation, farming in the eastern hills outside St. Helena. The bulk of the winery's acreage is devoted to Cabernet Sauvignon, but its [dry-farmed](#) Zinfandel is also noteworthy with pepper, cherry and herb flavors.” -*Aaron Romano*



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Score: 92 | \$30

WS review: This is loaded with cracked pepper flavors, plus lively cherry and grilled herb notes that finish with polished tannins. Drink now through 2029. 1,080 cases made.—*Tim Fish*