

# LAVA CAP WINERY



## 2022 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, at elevations ranging from 2,400-2,800ft. 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 and lift. 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 3,200ft in elevation.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Lava Cap is regarded as one of the premier Zinfandel producers in the Sierra Foothills. Our grapes are handpicked at their peak of ripeness, yielding fruit both ample concentration, and expectational balance. Our vineyards high elevation, at roughly 3,000ft, results in wines that capture the intensity of California's best Zinfandels, while preserving the grapes vibrancy and pure flavors. Aged 24 months in François Frères French oak barrels.

The 2022 Reserve Zinfandel enters with subtle notes of allspice and clove, which quickly give way to aromas of bright red and blue fruit. This robust yet balanced Zinfandel offers layers of blackberry and black cherry fruit, followed by seamlessly integrated tannins, and a balanced finish.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: Mid October, 2022

Vineyard: Lava Cap & Neighboring Vineyards

Elevation: 2,400ft-3,200ft

Aging: 22 months in French Oak

Cases Produced: 1500