

	Retail	Savings
\$17.99	\$25.00	28%

2016 Buehler Vineyards Zinfandel product-timed-pdf - St. Helena, Napa Valley - Previous Vintage Recieved 91pts -WE

Why We're Drinking It

"This is a classy, elegant expression of the variety, despite its brawn and ripe density," writes the Wine Enthusiast. "Fruit-forward, with blackberry and cherry flavors, it shows traces of vanilla, spicy pepper, and smoky oak. The texture is soft, with subtle tannins."

For four generations and counting, the Buehler family has been conscientiously farming this same spot. Lucky for them, the family's winery and vineyards are situated just east of St. Helena on the slopes just below Howell Mountain—enviable property for beautifully ripe and rich Zinfandel.

Crafted for immediate enjoyment, this young Zin would be easy to dismiss as a simple "pizza/pasta red" but for the wine's layered, spice filled mid palate and lusty finish. While almost entirely Zinfandel, this burly red is, in fact, a traditional, pre-prohibition-style field blend as roughly 5% of Beuhler's estate block is planted to head-trained Petite Sirah decades ago, which adds additional spice and piquant black pepper notes. Drink this pizza/pasta/burger/steak red now and over the next couple of years.

Beuhler's winemaker David Cronin earned his enology and viticulture degree from UC Davis and worked at both Joseph Phelps and Far Niente before joining the team at Beuhler in 1993. Beuhler's prized 4.5-acre Zinfandel vineyard is comprised of dry-farmed Zin vines—all fully mature at 41 years of age. This Zin was aged for 12 months in a mix of French and American oak barrels, of which just 20% were new so as not to mask the wine's forward juicy fruitiness.

Tasting Notes

This is a great value for a wine of such quality, made with a handful of Petite Sirah that grows in the same field-blended site. Layered and grippy, it shows structured blackberry and mocha flavors around secondary tones of leather and earth.

VARIETAL
Zinfandel
ALCOHOL
14.50
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
Zinfandel

The Story to Know

Dedicated to honesty, quality and family, we are a fourth generation vineyard and winery perched on a mountaintop just five country miles east of St Helena. Situated on three hundred acres our family has been farming Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel for more than four decades.

We attempt to combine meticulous vineyard management and minimal winemaking techniques to create wines of uncommon complexity and depth and to present these wines to our consumers at fair and reasonable prices.
