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1998 EASTON Zinfandel “Estate-Bottled” - Shenandoah Valley

This is the premier release of our estate-bottled Zinfandel. The fruit can originate from one of two estate vineyards surrounding the winery. The old Dickson-Miller property and the Baldinelli property that was planted in the early 1970's. We choose the best lots. Vines are head-trained and unirrigated. The vineyard is rigorously suckered for proper cluster spacing and sun exposure to get full flavor development. Flavors are full, rich, smooth, and gutsy. The wine has big brambly blackberry fruit flavors, pepper nuances in flavor and aroma. It has a smooth creamy finish from aging in François Frères barrels (30% new). 1998 was a particularly great year in the Sierra Foothills and the Shenandoah Valley. Our spring was cool and wet, so fruit set was very late. We were spared the rain that hit the North Coast at the beginning of harvest. Hang time was long. These vineyards were harvested in mid-October.

We have bottled the wine in our exciting new EASTON “Estate” package with its’ distinctive, but classic label design and heavy bottle.

15.1 % alcohol by vol.; 3.45 pH; 7.9 gm./liter total acidity.

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