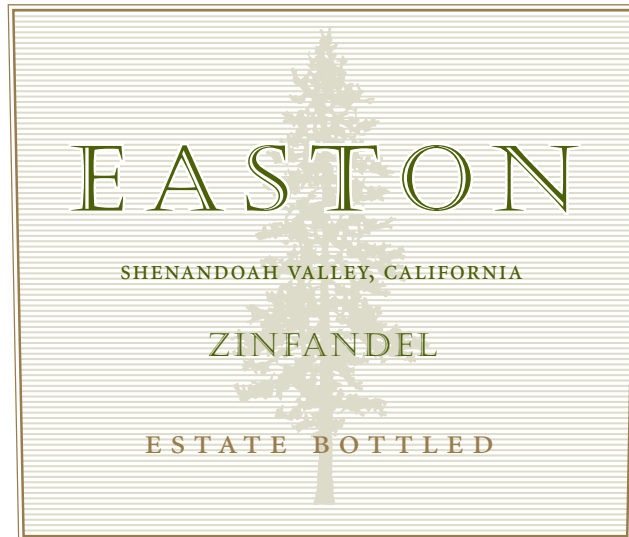


# *Domaine de la Terre Rouge*

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## 2016 EASTON Zinfandel “Estate-Bottled” - Shenandoah Valley

This is the nineteenth vintage of our estate-bottled Zinfandel. The fruit originates from the old Baldinelli property that was planted in the early 1970's in Sierra Series decomposed-granite. We choose from several different picks. Vines are head-trained and unirrigated with our normal winter rains supplying all of the requisite water. The vineyard is rigorously suckered for proper cluster-spacing and sun exposure to get full flavor development. The wine tastes full, rich, smooth, and gutsy. It shows beautiful brambly blackberry fruit, big cedar, spice box aromas, with a savory granitic lift. It has a smooth creamy finish from aging in François Frères and Taransaud barrels (1/3 new). 2016 was a relatively average year in the Sierra Foothills and the Shenandoah Valley. Our long three-year drought was shifting to wetter winters again, so the crop size was about average, and we had a normal summer without too much heat. The exact date of hand-picking was September 30 & October 1st. The quality of the fruit was high with small clusters. Our Zinfandel's have no residual sugar and nice balancing acidity. We have bottled the wine in our EASTON “Estate” package with its' distinctive, but classic label design and heavy bottle. This wine will age nicely for at least twenty years past the vintage on the label.

15.1 % alcohol by vol.; 3.72 pH; 6.0 gm./liter total acidity

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