

2017

ZINFANDEL

PASO ROBLES

165 Cases | Bottled June 10, 2019
Suggested Retail: \$20

VINEYARD

Primitivo is an Italian selection of Zinfandel and produces excellent wines when grown in a warm region such as Paso Robles. Both the Double Black Vineyard Primitivo and Blind Faith Vineyard Petite Sirah are organically farmed.

The countryside around Double Black Vineyard looks a lot like Tuscany, rolling hills, lots of vineyards and the climate is similar, Mediterranean with warm summer days and cool evenings. This site is 23 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, 700 feet above sea level and consists of well drained, fine sandy loam soils.

VINTAGE

The 2017 growing season started with above average winter rainfall followed by a cool damp spring, warm summer days, and a heat spike at the end of August. Temperatures cooled in September which allowed grapes to ripen gradually. The wines show good intensity with higher than normal acidity.

WINEMAKING

Our winemaking style focuses on balance, fruit flavors, limited use of new French oak barrels, and a ripe but restrained alcohol level. 11% whole clusters, 89% destemmed into 5-ton temperature controlled stainless steel tank.

Vineyard:

Double Black Vineyard (95% Zinfandel (Primitivo clone)
Blind Faith (5% Petite Sirah)

Harvest:

September 28, 2017. Harvested by hand

Fermentation:

Indigenous yeast,
and naturally occurring malolactic bacteria

Aging:

Aged in 1-4 year old French oak barrels 19 months

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
14.6%	3.52	5.85g/L



TASTING NOTES

From the primitivo clone, this wine has interesting fruit on the nose; cranberry and a hint of guava, with lots of spice: cardomom pods, licorice, vanilla from the oak, and a botanical touch of mint.