

8 years in the Desert

2019 CALIFORNIA RED WINE

Zinfandel started this entire journey for Orin Swift. Two tons in '97 that stuck and since then, it hasn't gotten much easier. It would become a common occurrence for years because of the difficulty fermenting Zinfandel in our style; its humbling in many ways. But every year, we get better. The 2019 Zinfandel was blessed with ideal growing conditions across the state, similar to the 2018 iteration. Syrah and Petite Sirah also benefited from the growing season. Sourced from premier California growing regions, the 2019 8 Years in the Desert is a quintessential exemplar of drinkability, perceived sweetness and complexity.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Evolving aromatics present themselves first with black and white pepper, then a ripe fruit core of brambly raspberry and sweet persimmon, finishing with savory notes of allspice, clove and fig leaf. Boisterous yet elegant on entry, the wine shows its plush layers with distinctive strawberry preserves, blackberry and raspberry pie topped with fresh crème. Round, ripe tannins close the palate menacingly with well-integrated acidity and enduring energy.

BLEND

Zinfandel, Syrah, Petite Sirah

MATURATION

Aged for 8 months in French and American Oak, 63% New

ALC/VOL

16.1%

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