

#### BLEND

80% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah, 6% Merlot, 2% Syrah

### APPELLATION

100% California

### ANALYSIS

pH 3.61

TA 6.0 g/L

ALC 14.5%

### UPC

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# LEESE - FITCH

CALIFORNIA

ZINFANDEL

2018

## **TASTING NOTES**

The 2018 Leese-Fitch Zinfandel is one of our favorite wines, immediately opening up with black raspberry and clove spice aromas on the nose. A full-bodied wine with layers of brambly fruit flavors, leather, spiced mocha, and toasted coconut, the tannins are velvety and well-integrated, giving the wine a plush and soft mouthfeel. This is a bright and fruit-forward wine with good acidity that leads to a long-lasting and flavorful finish. We love this wine with anything grilled – steak, ribs, and even Portobello mushrooms!

### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

The majority of the grapes for our Leese-Fitch Zinfandel come from the sun-drenched Lodi region as well as Madera County, Clarksburg, and Dry Creek Valley Sonoma. Lodi fruit brings bright, warm weather character while the slightly cooler Clarksburg region brings the structure as well as the enticing briar patch characteristics. The 2018 vintage is a blend of 80% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah, 6 % Merlot, and 2% Syrah. The final blend uses different varietals to craft a delicious, easy-to-drink Zinfandel for everyday enjoyment. Cheers!

## **FOOD PAIRINGS**

The ultimate pairing for this Zinfandel would be a Portobello mushroom burger topped with a red pepper relish with a side of sweet potato fries. Or even better, pair with pork tamales or Korean BBQ tacos.