

PETER FRANUS

2014 Zinfandel Napa Valley

Tasting Notes

Medium ruby in color, our 2014 Napa Zinfandel offers a charming, bright and lively nose with blackberry, vanilla, dried herbs, vanilla, and subtle sweet oak in the background. The mouth begins with similar flavors but moves toward a black cherry profile that finishes with white pepper and anise notes. Medium bodied and structured, a Zinfandel that unexpectedly surprises!

Technical Data

Varietal: 90% Zinfandel, 5% Mourvedre, 5% Syrah

Alcohol: 14,9%

Region: Napa Valley, California

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Rated 92, Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast, May 1, 2018

"Baked earth, mocha and vanilla characterize this field blend of 90% zinfandel with a rough mix of 10% Mourvèdre, Charbono, and Carignan. Robust on the pallet with a textured uthfeel, it's full-bodied with bright, underlying acidity and black peppery finish."

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Rated 91, Michael Godel, WineAlign, November 7, 2018

"Peter Franus is a very particular personality when it comes to making highly specialized wines. His 25 years of varietal experience and a penchant for working with smart growers, usually in high-altitude Napa mountain vineyards can only mean one thing for zinfandel. Quality. That is has in waves, folds and subtleties while adhering to ripeness, weight and strength. really grippy zin here, with currants on steroids and a savouriness that speaks to the brush of the hills from whence these grapes have come. No shrink of the violet here and zero raisining of the fruit. Drink 2019-2023."

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Rated 91, John Szabo, MS, WineAlign, November 8, 2018

"Fine, firm, genuinely concentrated but also balanced, this is good zinfandel from the arch-experienced Peter Franus, with fine depth and length. Wood influence is present but kept to a background hum, while ripe red and black fruit take front and center. Length is very fine. Drink or better yet, hold 2-3 years for a full experience."

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Rated 90, Michael Vaughan, vintageassessment.com, November 10, 2018

"Deep red colour. Slightly spicy, quite juicy, very pleasant, lingering, plum-cherry purée nose with some cedary notes. Dry, medium to medium full bodied, well structured, harmonious, ripe plum-cherry purée flavours with a lingering, gently cedary, fairly bright finish."

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Rated Wine of the Week, Bill Zacharkiw, Montreal Gazette, August 17, 2018

"Along with Ridge, one of my favourite zins. A ton of power, as expected, but underneath the mass of dark fruits is a fine acidity that keeps things fresh. Ripe tannin, spicy and with a lengthy finish. This ages incredibly well, too. Textured, but without all that residual sugar. For Cali wine fans, a must. Drink now to 2020"

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