



LEESE - FITCH

CALIFORNIA
ZINFANDEL

2014

BEST BUY
87 POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST
DECEMBER 2016

TASTING NOTES

Our 2014 Leese Fitch Zinfandel swirls with dark purple color emitting aromas of blackberry jam, cinnamon toast, sandalwood, and grilled plum with hints of black pepper and dried fig. On the palate, you taste dried cherry, black raspberry, toasted coconut, roasted almonds, and deep vanilla custard. The flavor continues to develop on the finish showing the brambly side of Zinfandel and some earthy characteristics; roasted Portobello Mushroom, Mexican Hot Chocolate, and soy with hints of espresso and sweet leather.

WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2014, we secured some great Zinfandel from Lodi and the Northern Interior Valley just outside of Livermore. The Lodi is a bit fruitier and warm in character whereas the Northern Interior adds depth and some of the earthier characters of mushroom and espresso. Then we added Lodi Alicante Bouchet for color, Lodi Barbera for softness and bright berry fruit, and just a dab of Paso Robles Petite Sirah for added blue fruit and structure. 50% new American Oak aging adds depth and some of the toffee like notes of deep vanilla, coconut, dill, and even a bit of the sweet leather nuance. Rich and layered Zinfandel that brings the fruit to any party or gathering.

BLEND

91% Zinfandel, 6% Alicante
Bouchet, 2% Barbera, and 1% Petite
Sirah

APPELLATIONS

54% Lodi, 45% Northern Interior
Valley, and 1% Paso Robles

ANALYSIS

pH 3.62
TA 6.3 g/L
ALC 13.5%
RS 3.5 g/L

UPC

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