



GREEN & RED

V I N E Y A R D

2017 Chiles Canyon Zinfandel

Focused and zesty, with brooding blackberry, grilled dill and white pepper flavors that take on broad-shouldered tannins on the finish. Best from 2021 through 2029. 2,400 cases made. — *TF*

2016 Chiles Mill Zinfandel

An appealing claret style, featuring just enough briary nuances to stay zesty, with tarragon and white pepper flavors that build toward refined tannins.- Tim Fish

2015 Napa Valley Tip Top Vineyard Zinfandel

This grows on a northeast-facing ridgetop, the vines planted between 1,400 and 1,800 feet. That exposed, high-elevation site produced a sumptuous 2015, a supple and luxurious red gaining tension and dimension from the fruit's cave-like coolness. The tannins contrast that coolness with their warmth, placing the wine with braised meats or a thick-cut ribeye. (600 cases) - Josh Greene

2015 Syrah

Refined and elegant, yet with a sense of Rhone gaminess, offering accents of blueberry, garrigue, and smokey meat.- Tim Fish

2015 Petite Sirah

Jay Heminway grows this Petite above the fog line, on a ridge bending to the north, the top block rising to 1,720 feet. He tames some of its power through aging in oak barrels (20 percent new), and while that softens the fruit a bit, it doesn't prevent the tannins from gripping the lips and the tongue. This is a potent wine that needs a long rest in the cellar. —J.G.

2017 Sauvignon Blanc

Jay Heminway purchased this parcel in the late 1970s; he used it to extend his zinfandel plantings, and added some petite sirah and sauvignon blanc, mostly the musqué clone. The site produces a rich sauvignon, this vintage packed with lemon flavor, smoothly delivered with an underline of acidity. A gentle celery-root-like savor balances the sweet fruit, the wine ready for scallop ceviche. —J.G.

