Vineyard Notes
Most of our Zinfandels are vineyard designates, and in Jesse’s case, it is not only a vineyard designate, it is an homage. Jesse was the 97-year-old farmer who farmed the 130-year-old Zinfandel vines out in Oakley, in Contra Costa County. Jesse passed away, but when I used to see Jesse, he would tell me, “Don’t put my name on the bottle unless it’s the good stuff.” So, we followed orders.

Production
Over three days, we picked 14 tons of this beautiful Ancient Vine Zin. We crushed into three different tanks with 20 tons each. After a five-day cold soak to extract all those beautiful flavors, we inoculated each tank with a different yeast strain. One got D80, one got RP15, and one got BM4x4. After they were all done fermenting, we pressed them together and added malolactic to give a luscious, rich mouthfeel.

Winemaker Comments
Dusty cocoa, black tea, blackberry, and milk chocolate jump from the glass followed by flavors of ripe cherry pie, pipe tobacco, and a toasted marshmallow finish.

Technical Specifications
- **Appellation**: Contra Costa County
- **Composition**:
  - 94% Zinfandel
  - 4% Carignane
  - 2% Alicante Bouschet
- **Alcohol**: 15.59%
- **Residual Sugar**: 0g/100ml
- **pH**: 3.49
- **Total Acidity**: 0.56g / 100ml
- **Barrels**:
  - 70% neutral oak
  - 15% new French oak
  - 15% new American oak
- **Release Date**: December 2018
- **Suggested Retail**: $30