2016
Ski King Red

VINEYARD NOTES
Zinfandel: Jesse’s Vineyard, Contra Costa County & Black Rock Ranch, Lake County
Cabernet Sauvignon: Heringer Vineyard, Clarksburg
Tannat: Gene Glaeser Vineyard, Solano County

PRODUCTION
This red blend is a fun composition of a Zin, Cab Sauvignon and Tannat. Each one of these lots was fermented independently and then blended together in 2017 to age together. I had another intention for this blend initially, but after my dad passed last September, I knew what the blend was going to turn into. All three of these components combined made a formidable, tannic beast in its youth, but with a couple of years in barrel, the tannins have turned silky and this wine is in its prime and ready to drink.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS
Skiing is a treasured pastime for my family. My dad and his friend Craig were the ultimate ski buddies. At the top of the mountain, Craig would shout, “Is you ready Ski King?!”. My dad would holler, “Let it hap’n Cap’n!” Then we would launch down the mountain. We like to ski with a picnic lunch in our backpacks which includes a good bottle of red wine. Hug your friends, hug your loved ones, and share a good bottle of wine and some great memories. This wine is a good reminder of Dad’s mantra, “never underestimate the value of a little fun.”
Aged for three years in tight grain French and American oak, this wine exudes notes of blackberry jam, black cherry, chocolate truffle, anise, sage, and teriyaki, plum, and orange zest.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION
California

COMPOSITION
34% Zinfandel
33% Cabernet Sauvignon
33% Tannat

ALCOHOL
14.29%

pH
3.76

TOTAL ACIDITY
0.60G / 100ML

BARRELS
70% neutral oak
20% new French oak
10% new American oak

RELEASE DATE
JUNE 2019

SUGGESTED RETAIL
$65