

	Retail	Savings
\$14.99	\$22.00	32%

2015 Buehler Vineyards Zinfandelproduct-timed-pdf - St. Helena, Napa Valley - 'Excellent' -91pts -WE

Why We're Drinking It

"This is a classy, elegant expression of the variety, despite its brawn and ripe density," writes the Wine Enthusiast. "Fruit-forward, with blackberry and cherry flavors, it shows traces of vanilla, spicy pepper, and smoky oak. The texture is soft, with subtle tannins."

For four generations and counting, the Buehler family has been conscientiously farming this same spot. Lucky for them, the family's winery and vineyards are situated just east of St. Helena on the slopes just below Howell Mountain—enviable property for beautifully ripe and rich Zinfandel.

Crafted for immediate enjoyment, this young Zin would be easy to dismiss as a simple "pizza/pasta red" but for the wine's layered, spice filled mid palate and lusty finish. While almost entirely Zinfandel, this burly red is, in fact, a traditional, pre-prohibition-style field blend as roughly 5% of Beuhler's estate block is planted to head-trained Petite Sirah decades ago, which adds additional spice and piquant black pepper notes. Drink this pizza/pasta/burger/steak red now and over the next couple of years.

- Beuhler's winemaker David Cronin earned his enology and viticulture degree from UC Davis and worked at both Joseph Phelps and Far Niente before joining the team at Beuhler in 1993.
 - Beuhler's prized 4.5-acre Zinfandel vineyard is comprised of dry-farmed Zin vines—all fully mature at 41 years of age.
 - This Zin was aged for 12 months in a mix of French and American oak barrels, of which just 20% were new so as not to mask the wine's forward juicy fruitiness.
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Tasting Notes

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VARIETAL
Zinfandel
APPELLATION
Napa Valley
ALCOHOL
13.50
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
Zinfandel

The Story to Know

From the winery...

Dedicated to honesty, quality and family, we are a fourth generation vineyard and winery perched on a mountaintop just five country miles east of St Helena. Situated on three hundred acres our family has been farming Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel for more than four decades.

We attempt to combine meticulous vineyard management and minimal winemaking techniques to create wines of uncommon complexity and depth and to present these wines to our consumers at fair and reasonable prices.

Perfect Pairings

This wine will pair great with pizza, pasta, burger, or steak.

Ratings

91 WE

91 *insider* points

Reviews

This is a great value for a wine of such quality, made with a handful of Petite Sirah that grows in the same field-blended site. Layered and grippy, it shows structured blackberry and mocha flavors around secondary tones of leather and earth. Editors' Choice -Wine Enthusiast

Buehler? Buehler? Fry?

I couldn't resist. Ferris Bueller's Day Off is just one of those classic movies you can't ignore. Just like young Ferris, the Buehler Zin shows a lively vivacity that makes you want to join the party. Dare I say, this wine will pair quite nicely with movie night.

A spicy leather bouquet tingles the senses. On the palate, it shows jammy blackberry, nutmeg and cinnamon, flowing into a jammy berry finish. This would also do great for a picnic day out on the coast. Anyone have a 1961 Ferrari 250GT I can borrow?

91 Points - JZ January '18