

TRIONE *Vineyards & Winery*



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Scot Covington - Winemaker

Trione 2016 Flatridge Zinfandel

Once again Mother Nature has provided Sonoma County another vintage year for growers and winemakers. 2016 was by many measures an exceptional year to grow grapes. The season started early as did the previous year. The crop was slightly larger than 2015 but excellent quality. It was an early harvest season, beginning mid-August and finishing up by the end of September, another record year here at Trione Vineyards and Winery.

Cases produced: 1,108

Winemaking: The Flatridge Zinfandel is a unique wine and vineyard. The vineyard was planted with a selection of Zinfandel sourced from a 100-year-old vineyard next to the St. Peter's Church in the northern Sonoma County town of Cloverdale. The church's vineyard has been the source of plant material for many well-known producers of Zinfandel in the Rockpile Appellation of Sonoma County. The wine was made in small open top fermenters in a style similar to Pinot Noir. The cap was hand plunged three to four times daily. The wine was also made with a favored selection of yeast from a Rockpile Syrah.

Alcohol: 15.7 percent by volume

TA: 6.60 g/l

pH: 3.70

Tasting Notes: Deep alluring aromas of sage and black pepper mixed with hints of crushed blackberry, wild berry, and huckleberries make up the bouquet. The 2016 Flatridge Zinfandel is bold, beautiful, and rich with fruit flavors while also showing great depth in structure, tannin, and length of finish. There are hints of earthiness and

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leafy vinous notes that mix together in a cacophony of elements that will have you pouring another glass. Cheers!

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