

# EASTON

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## 1999 EASTON Zinfandel “Estate-Bottled” - Shenandoah Valley

This is the second release of our estate-bottled Zinfandel. The fruit can originate from one of two estate vineyards surrounding the winery. The old Dickson-Miller property and the Baldinelli property that was planted in the early 1970's. We choose the best lots. Vines are head-trained and unirrigated. The vineyard is rigorously suckered for proper cluster spacing and sun exposure to get full flavor development. Flavors are full, rich, smooth, and gutsy. The wine has huge brambly blackberry fruit, big cedar, spicebox aromas and flavors. It has a smooth creamy finish from aging in François Frères and Taransaud barrels (1/3 new). 1999 was a particularly great year in the Sierra Foothills and the Shenandoah Valley. Our spring was cool, so fruit set was late. Harvest was dry. Hang time was long. These vineyards were harvested in early-October. We have bottled the wine in our new EASTON “Estate” package with its' distinctive, but classic label design and heavy bottle.

15.1 % alcohol by vol.; 3.46 pH; 6.6 gm./liter total acidity