

# RENWOOD

## 2017 The Cleaver Red Blend

The Renwood Ranch vineyard is located on the hills of Amador County and is predominantly planted with Zinfandel in both head trained and trellised vines. The slope of the vineyard has shallow soils with good drainage, which is optimal for Zinfandel. We analyze each block of land so that we plant and grow the varietal best suited to the conditions of that block. Within a single acre we sometimes locate several varietals to optimize growing conditions and foster the flavors and tastes that define our wines. The grapes grown on the ranch are supplemented by fruit sourced from premier Amador County vineyards. The Old Vine Zinfandel tradition continues to thrive at Renwood with select vineyard sites that feature old vine, dry farmed, head-pruned Zinfandel. Each source is selected to highlight unique soils, elevations, exposure, and vine material. Our winemakers work with these growers and recommend viticulture practices which result in the highest quality fruit.

## Tasting Notes

The palate of this full-bodied wine is tightly wound with balanced acidity. The meat of the matter is The Cleaver's palate is a brilliant mixture of freshly-picked plum and blackberry fruit flavors, as well as a hint of dark Baker's chocolate. This Amador County Zinfandel has a smooth, juicy mouthfeel that makes it very food-friendly. The tannins are silky with a delicate nuance expressed from French oak barrel aging.

## Score

**85**

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"This semisweet wine smells jammy, tastes rich and ripe and raisiny, and has an almost syrupy texture." *December 31, 2019*

