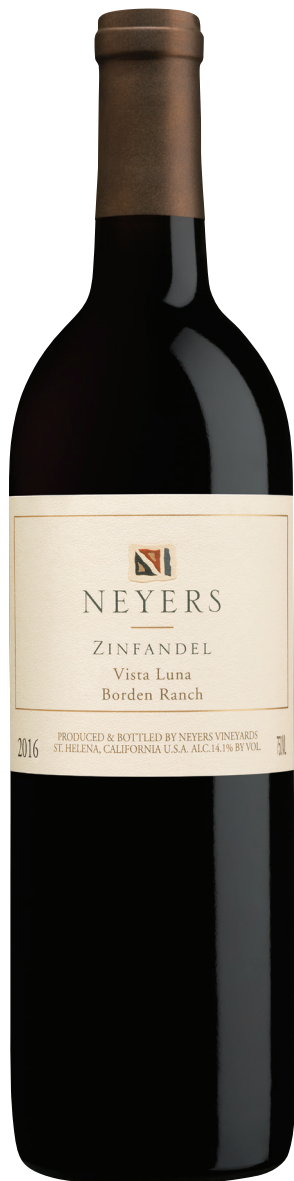




# NEYERS

## ZINFANDEL

Vista Luna  
Borden Ranch  
2016



I met Markus Bokisch in 1990 when he was a recent UC Davis graduate. In 2005 he began a vineyard management company in Lodi, and we started to buy grapes from two of his vineyards in the Sierra Foothill AVAs of Clements Hills and Borden Ranch. Both areas are in western Calaveras County, at the base of the mountains. They stand out for the remarkable soil combinations that developed from the geological activity that formed the Sierra Nevada Range. The vineyard sits on an outcropping of quartz, a unique phenomenon that is important to the development of the vines, their maturation, and the flavors they develop over time. Additionally, the vineyard is planted to a non-clonal selection of Zinfandel so the clusters are small, as are the berries. Ripening is even because of the cool evening breeze that develops as a natural part of the west to east movement of air pulled up by the sudden rise in elevation. Our 2016 Vista Luna Zinfandel has an ethyl alcohol level well below 14%, yet the wine is made from fully ripened fruit. The wine is 100% 'Heirloom' Zinfandel, fermented using native wild yeast, and aged 10 months in neutral 60-gallon French oak barrels. It was bottled in July without fining or filtration.

Origin: Borden Ranch

Vineyard: Vista Luna

Barrel Program: 100% used French oak

Composition: 100% 'Heirloom' Zinfandel

Cases Produced: 1,116