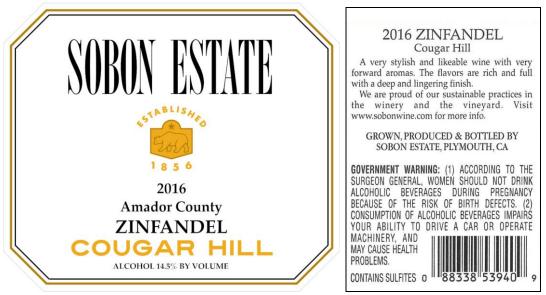
## 2016 Cougar Hill Zinfandel Winemaker Notes



## **DESCRIPTION** With its own special microclimate near our large pond, this 67 year-old sustainably grown vineyard has a unique northern exposed hillside. This gives us the sleekest and most elegant of all our single vineyard offerings. This plot is named for the cougar that travels through the vineyard making its way to the pond for water. Full bodied with superbly integrated flavors of dried fruit and herbal aromatics leading to a silky smooth texture with mid pallet hints of huckleberry, cocoa, dried cranberries and a signature mountain brambly character. Rich and satisfying with a warm lingering finish, this wine pairs beautifully with an herb grilled flat iron steak, Chicago style linguica pizza, lamb chops and soft ripe cheeses.

**FOOD PAIRING** Serve with grilled foods or pasta dishes.

**SPECIFICATIONS** 96% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah Aged 18 months in French & American Oak, 40% new.

Total Acid:	5.8 gm/l
pH:	3.9
Alcohol:	14.5%

BOTTLING DATE March 22, 2017 – 2154 cases bottled – 750ml

RELEASE DATE April 1, 2017