

*Carol Shelton*

**COX RESERVE**  
**2017 Old Vine Zinfandel**  
Cox Vineyard, Mendocino County  
ORGANICALLY GROWN GRAPES

The Cox Vineyard of Zinfandel and Carignane was planted in the hills NW of Ukiah by Jack Cox in 1956. This special reserve barrel selection is a tribute to his vision and the love he felt for this land of beautiful redwood forests in the rolling coastal ranges where he loved to hunt for deer and wild boar.

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** Deeper and darker blackberry fruit, almost jammy. More roasty caramel-dark chocolate oak and vanilla-mocha latte, a bit perfumey like red roses and ripe raspberries. Round sweet oaky vanilla cream in mouth, delicious blackberry and spice, great depth of flavor and fruit. Very supple, soft finish. Like blackberry crumble à la mode!

**Harvest Dates:** September 15-17 (Carig & Zin), Oct 21 (Pet), 2017

**Average Brix at Harvest:** 25.6°Brix (after cold soak)

**Average TA/pH at Harvest:** 0.57 gm/100ml      pH 3.55

**Fermentation Characteristics:** Uninoculated ("WILD") yeast fermentation, which took 5 days to start (cold soak!) for total of 21 days on skins.

Délestaged (pronounced 'del-ess-TAHJd) twice before 12° Brix

**Cellar Storage/Aging:** 16 months in all American oak barrels  
-- 75% one-year old, 25% new

**Alcohol:** 14.6%

**Total Acidity:** 0.73 gm/100ml      pH: 3.53

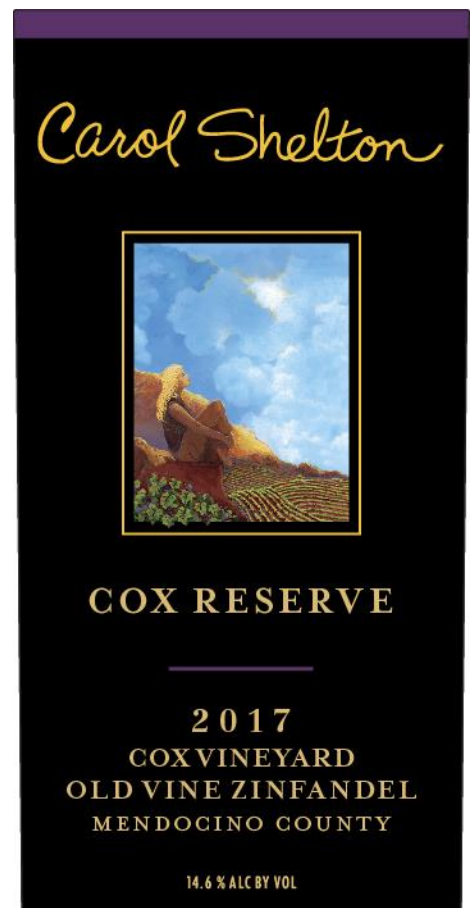
**Varietal Composition:** 78% Old Vine Zinfandel,  
14% old vine Carignane, 8% Petite Sirah  
\*\*\*Organically and Sustainably farmed and organically  
grown

**Appellation:** 100% Cox Vineyard, Mendocino County

**Case production:** 243 cases

**Bottling Date:** May 24, 2019

**Release Date:** February 1, 2020



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