



# GRANITE HILL CELLARS

## 2017 Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel



**About:** Granite Hill Cellars is a newly released brand by the Kautz Family of Lodi, California. The name comes from the rocky and “granite” terroir the family’s vineyards grow on. The soft rolling hills, in conjunction with the Pacific Ocean Delta breezes make these vineyards ideal for grapes of distinction. Practicing “sustainability” for over 30 years, the family is committed to the longevity of their land and the environment around them.

**Appellation:** Lodi has been a famed region for growing Zinfandel grapes for many years and has been called the “Zinfandel capitol of the world”. Lodi produces almost 40% of all Zinfandel from California. The Sub-AVA for these vineyards is Mokelumne River, known for its sandy loam and slightly gravelly soils.

**About the Wine:** The 2017 vintage is a loaded with aromas of blackberry jam, followed by flavors of black cherries, strawberries, soft peppercorn and a sweet & smoky spice that finish long, flavorful and lingering.

**Pairing:** Delicious with grilled meats, like a pork loin, wild game, and beef ribs or with a rack of lamb. Rich chocolate dishes pair very well with the full flavors, especially a sweet raspberry sauce over a flourless cake.

### Technical Notes:

Blend:	85% Zinfandel, 10% Merlot, 5% Petite Sirah		
Alcohol:	14.5%		
Aging:	4 months, new French oak		
RS:	4.1 g/l	TA:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.6	UPC:	7 24826 11251 7