

IRONSTONE

RESERVE

2013 Old Vine Zinfandel

The Vineyards ~ Twisted, gnarly, head-trained Zinfandel vines, aged 60-80 years produced magnificent grape clusters used in this wine. Lodi, with its classic Mediterranean climate and well-drained soils has been an ideal growing region for world-class Zinfandels for over a century.



Appellation	Lodi
Sub-appellation	Mokelumne River
Size of Vineyard(s)	1.5 – 9 acres
Average Yield	3 – 3.5 tons per acre
Soil Characteristics	Mixture of very sandy and sandy loam
Elevation	10-85 feet above sea level
Climate	Prairie environment with a cool afternoon wind moderated by the Delta breezes

Winemaking Processes ~ My picking target, if I am forced to commit to one, is +25 brix. But, I am really looking for fruit that in general is just starting to soften. That is why I am in the vineyards several times each week as we get closer to harvest.

These grapes are all hand harvested and delivered to the winery in small lots. These small lots of perfectly ripened fruit are crushed and allowed to cold soak a day or two before starting fermentation. After pressing and secondary fermentation is completed, these wines are transferred to small oak barrels to finish malolactic fermentation. Aging takes place in our underground caverns. Hand blasted by local miners, many whose families came for gold in the 1800's, these caverns remain a natural 60 degrees Fahrenheit year-round temperature to ensure a fuller, richer, finer wine of true varietal character.

Our Winemaker's Notes:

Rich and supple, this generous Zinfandel, a blend of five different old vine vineyards, offers plush aromas and flavors of ripe blackberries, pepper and chocolate, finishing with well-rounded tannins and a lingering dark, fruit finish.

About the 2013 Vintage

2013 was an interesting year throughout California and this held true in Lodi. The growing season started with lower than average rainfall, followed by a dry spring. We had a moderate summer with lovely temperatures. This vintage was the start of a historic record dry spell in California. This year and the next would new low annual rainfall totals.

Technical Info

Blend: 86% Zinfandel, 14% Petite Sirah,

Aging: 12 months in small French oak

Alcohol: 14.5% RS: 0.3%

TA: 5.9 grams/liter pH: 3.82

Production: 3,400 cases (6x750ml)

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