



CINNABAR
WINERY

2021 ZINFANDEL Lodi Clements Hills

Vineyards

Lewis Vineyard, Acampo

Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Zinfandel
Alcohol: 14.4% pH: 3.54
Acidity: 0.66g/100ml
Production: 50 cases Release
Date: October 14, 2023

Tasting Notes

Aromas of blackberry, plum, cinnamon, and a hint of lavender. Medium to full body, good structure with soft tannins and a nice long finish. Pair with veggie lovers pizza, grilled rosemary chicken, or stuffed portobello mushrooms.

The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then moved into a stainless steel tank for 10 days, finally racked into French Oak barrels for maturation. 16 months French Oak barrels, 30% new, 30% 1 year old, 40% neutral.

The Grape

Zinfandel's ancestry can be traced back to Croatia, where it is called Crljenak Kastelanski; and Italy, where it is known as Primitivo. In America, Zinfandel got its name from a Boston nursery owner who advertised it for sale in 1832. Zinfandel was later introduced to California during the 1850's Gold Rush and became widely planted because it thrived in the state's climate and soil.

The Land

The Clements Hills of Lodi is a viticultural area with rolling hills and rich alluvial topsoils, that are well drained. The subsoils have layers of rich volcanic and granite deposits, where nutrients are moved to the surface and available for the vine to absorb. There are a variety of microclimates that exist between and amongst The Clements Hills. Every evening in summer, the Sacramento Delta breeze provides natural cooling, perfect for our Zinfandel to thrive and express the Clements Hills terrior.

The Season

The 2021 season began with sunny skies and a warm spring. But with the continuing drought, the vineyards were challenged. The vines response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. But the silver lining was while the crop was down, the concentration was amazing. The small berries were packed with color, flavor, and excellent tannins. The fall was perfect to take these berries to full ripeness with intensity. Overall, an excellent vintage!

