

TIZONA

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2014 Old Vine Zinfandel Kirschenmann Vineyard



APPELLATION:	Mokelumne River-Lodi
VINEYARD:	Kirschenmann Vineyards
COMPOSITION:	98% Old Vine Zinfandel, 2% Graciano
AGING:	17 months in neutral & new French Oak, 7 months bottle aged
TECH:	Alc: 14.5%
SOIL TYPE:	Silica-Rich Sandy Loam
AGE OF VINES:	99 years
HARVESTED:	September 2, 2014
BOTTLING:	May 12, 2016
PRODUCTION:	200 cases produced
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$32 per bottle

TASTING NOTES

This classic Old Vine Zinfandel has a brilliant red hue. We have allowed it the grace to bottle age for 7 months before release. The nose is elegant and sophisticated with aromas of red currant, plum, raspberry jam and chocolate covered candied oranges with a hint of allspice. It has balanced tannins with a bright fresh acidity. Rich velvety flavors of strawberry jam, boysenberry and chocolate covered cherry bon bons combine with an earthiness reminiscent of a forest floor. Hints of white pepper linger on the long balanced finish. This wine is magical and is a true expression of its terroir. Liz recommends pairing this with seared duck breast with a cherry and zinfandel reduction sauce.

VINEYARD DESIGNATION

This wine was produced from the dry farmed, own rooted, organically grown Kirschenmann Vineyard located near Victor California, in the heart of traditional Old Vine Zinfandel country of Lodi. Planted in 1915, Kirschenmann Vineyard is located in Lodi's Mokelumne River AVA cradled in one of the many bends of the river. The vineyard is owned by Tegan and Olivia Passalacqua. Tegan is a specialist of tending to old vines as winemaker of Turley Cellars and his own label, Sandlands. His dedication and promotion of the classic head trained vines is exemplary within the wine industry.

OLD VINE ZINFANDEL FACTS & HISTORY

Old Vine Zinfandel vineyards are a treasure, and Lodi holds one of the biggest gems. Lodi has a long history of producing Zinfandel. Some of the vineyards date back to the 1880's. Luckily, the Lodi area was able to survive prohibition by packing the fresh grapes and shipping them east for home winemakers. Old Vine Zinfandel vineyards are highly sought after due to their distinctive characteristics, low yields and flavor intensity. One thing is for certain, the vineyard itself has proved it ages gracefully.

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