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FAMILY VINEYARDS



2016 Lodi 'Epicenter' Old Vine Zinfandel

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Mettler Zinfandel entices with its deep, inky purple color. The initial earthy and smoky aromas are followed by those of blackberry, blueberry and plum. The complex medley of flavors include dark berries, vanilla and herbs with a hint of black pepper. The sturdy but softly integrated tannins yield to subtle oak notes as the wine lingers on the palate. A light touch of acidity creates balance and elegance while retaining the juicy, exuberant personality that is uniquely Zinfandel. A variety of cuisines, from hearty stews to grilled favorites, will stand up nicely to this rich and flavorful wine.

HERITAGE

The Mettler family heritage honors over 100 years and six generations of farming in Lodi with the release of this 'Epicenter' old vine Zinfandel. The size of the crop, the time spent on the vine, and the many months aged in French oak barrels all reflect the care our family took to fully express the potential of our estate vineyards.

VINEYARDS

Grapes for this wine were harvested in September 2016, from one of the oldest Zinfandel vineyards on our ranch where the deep-rooted vines thrive in rich, sandy loam soils. This 50-year old vineyard is located in the 'epicenter' of Lodi's old vine Zinfandel district and is organically and sustainably grown.

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETAL Old Vine Zinfandel
APPELLATION Lodi
WINEMAKER Adam Mettler
ALCOHOL 14.5%
CASES PRODUCED 3,900
WINEGROWERS Mettler Family Vineyards
ESTATE GROWN
CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

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