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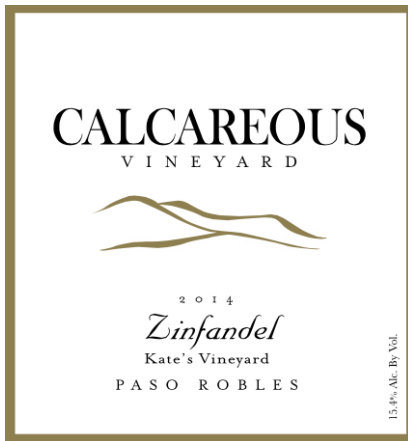
VINEYARD



Zinfandel

2014

Kate's Vineyard
Paso Robles



Tasting Notes

Starts with a complex mix of rhubarb pie, vanilla, and earthier black olive scents filling the glass. The upfront fruit fills the palate with ripe bramble berries and black licorice while heavier notes of fig and mocha create a surprisingly immense mouthfeel for a Zinfandel. Refreshing acidity lights the finish while combining near the end with deeply toasted American oak creating a massive yet balanced wine.

Vineyards

Our Zinfandel comes from our Kate's Vineyard which lies in Kiler Canyon just south of our winery. We have been farming the vineyard for 13 years and consider it truly part of our Estate. The vineyard is planted on an array of aspects, allowing the separate blocks to develop considerably different characteristics. This comes into play in the cellar as the separate lots are blended together to create single vineyard, single variety "blends" of amazing cohesion.

Winemaking Notes

2014 was the 3rd consecutive year of drought like conditions, and the increase in density really shows. Being a thin skinned varietal, Zinfandel tends to produce more fruit than tannin when produced in a

Blend	90% Zinfandel, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest	October 25th-27th
TA	6.2 g/L
pH	3.47
Cooperage	30% New American Canton, 70% Neutral American
Aging	14 Months
Production	550 Cases

concentrated style. In order to produce a balanced wine, time and effort are directed towards tannin extraction. We used a combination of 20% whole cluster fermentation and extended maceration. A regiment of twice daily punch downs and a pump over every third day promoted a full extraction of phenolics. The wine was left on skins for 32 days allowing us to extract seed tannin, which when fully mature gives the wine plenty of toasted woody tannin without having to rely on cooperage. The free run and press fractions were combined and allowed to complete malo-

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lactic fermentation in 30% new American heavy toasted Canton barrels and 70% neutral American barrels. After 14 months, the wine was racked out and 8% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon was blended in before bottling to add structure and weight.