

CALCAREOUS

VINEYARD



Zinfandel

2018

Kate's Vineyard – Paso Robles



Zinfandel was always synonymous with Paso Robles. It's distinctive big fruit and easy charm is embedded in the local winemaking spirit. Our Kate's Vineyard Zinfandel has been a staple our Estate Bottlings and a constant reminder that wine is meant above all to embody joy and pleasure.

Vineyards and Vintage

Kate's Vineyard consist of 10 acres planted entirely to Zinfandel that we have farmed since 2002. Located less than a mile south east of the Calcareous Estate, it shares almost identical chalky soils. 2018 was a winemaker's dream vintage with perfectly balanced ripening occurring in the vineyards. Sugars were kept low as flavors developed and acids mellowed. It was one of those rare years where the wines truly made themselves with no intervention

necessary outside of deciding when to press the wines at the desired level of extraction.

Winemaking Notes

The fruit was handpicked and cluster sorted before destemming. The fruit was gravity fed, uncrushed, into 4-ton open top concrete fermenters. All the free run juice was immediately drained off to concentrate the ferment. Twice daily pump overs were performed for the first 8 days of fermentation, followed by a move to a punch-down protocol. After 12 days, the juice was pressed off the skins and settled in tank for 2 days. From here, the wine was racked to barrel and allowed to finish malolactic fermentation. Another racking was performed, a bit of our Estate Cabernet was blended in to add structure. The resulting wine was aged 16 months in 40% new American and Hungarian oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered

Blend	89% Zinfandel, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest	October 12-16
Avg Brix	24.2
Cooperage	20% New American, 20% New Hungarian, 60% Neutral French
Aging	16 Months
Production	840 Cases

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Tasting Notes

This dark full bodied zin offers aromas of bramble berry, rose petal and classic 5-spice powder. Blueberry flavors laced with tar and smoky anise lead to big but highly refined tannins in the mid-palate. Overall, a big and brooding version of Zinfandel that will pair beautifully with a range of hearty meals from rack of lamb to a pot roast stew.