

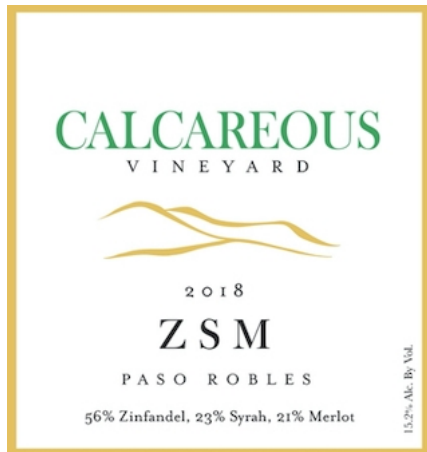
# CALCAREOUS

VINEYARD



## ZSM 2018

### Kate's Vineyard, Rolph Family Vineyard, Calcareous Vineyard



Our ZSM blend is a celebration of the unique possibilities that arise making wine in Paso Robles. The versatility of our terroir and the willingness of both producers and consumers to seek out new wines gives us the freedom to wander outside traditional conventions and simply create the most flavorful and complete wines possible.

#### Vineyards and Vintage

The Zinfandel all comes from our Kate's Vineyard which lies in the Kiler Canyon just a half mile southwest of our Estate. The Syrah and some Merlot comes from the Rolph Family Vineyard a mile northwest of us. The balance of Merlot comes from our Estate plantings at the very top of Calcareous Vineyard property. The 2018 vintage was the rarest of all

vintages, it was basically a perfect growing season top to bottom. The conditions remained stress free for both vines and vintners and all involved were able to plainly produce the best wine you possibly could.

#### Winemaker Notes

The Syrah and Merlot were picked over the same 2 day time period and were fermented together. The later ripening Zinfandel was harvested later and fermented by itself. All lots were hand picked and destemmed whole berry into 3.5 ton concrete fermenters. A regiment of

Blend	56% Zinfandel, 23% Syrah, 21% Merlot
Harvest	September 17-October 12
Avg. Brix	26.2
pH	3.63
Cooperage	20% American Canton, 80% Neutral American and French
Aging	16 Months
Production	820 Cases

twice daily punch-downs and a pump-over every third day promoted a gentle but steady extraction of phenolics. The wine was left on skins from 12 to 17 days, pressing at first sign of rougher tannins. The free run and press fractions were combined, and the blend put together after completion of malo-lactic fermentation. After 16 months in barrel the lot was racked out and was bottled promptly after going to tank.

#### Tasting Notes

Shows a clean crimson color and has a nose combining bright spicy notes with chocolate covered strawberry. The upfront fruit is pure blackberry balanced by soft dusty tannins. The clean finish does not overpower the palate, allowing this wine to be the ideal partner for the full range of our oak wood fired pizzas.