

2019

## ZINFANDEL

PASO ROBLES

178 Cases | Bottled May 26, 2021

**Suggested Retail:** \$20

### VINEYARD

Primitivo is an Italian selection of Zinfandel and produces excellent wines when grown in a warm region such as the San Miguel District of Paso Robles. Both Jack Knife Vineyard Primitivo and Blind Faith Vineyard Petite Sirah are certified organic.

The countryside around Jack Knife Vineyard looks a lot like Tuscany with rolling hills and lots of vineyards. The climate is similar, Mediterranean with warm summer days and cool evenings. This site is 23 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, 700 feet above sea level and consists of well-drained, fine sandy loam soils.

### VINTAGE

For San Miguel, 2019 benefited from good winter and spring rains which filled the soil profile. Bud break was two weeks later than average. The summer weather was generally cool, and the grapes ripened slowly and evenly with no heat spikes. Harvest began two to three weeks later than average providing longer hang time for the grapes to ripen. Longer hang time allows the grapes to develop rich deep color and more complex flavors.

#### Vineyard:

Jack Knife Vineyard (79% Zinfandel, Primitivo clone)

Blind Faith (21% Petite Sirah)

Certified Organic grapes.

#### Harvest:

October 8 & 16, 2019. Harvested by hand.

#### Fermentation:

100% destemmed into 5-ton temperature controlled stainless steel tank, 22 day *cuvaison*/skin contact. Cultured yeast, naturally occurring malolactic bacteria.

#### Aging:

Aged in one to four times filled French oak barrels for 19 months.

<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>pH:</b>	<b>T.A.:</b>
14.5%	3.69	5.2g/L



### TASTING NOTES

This is a deep dark densely colored magenta black wine. Dark fruit aromas, mulberry, black plum and blackberry, with hints of black pepper, cedar and damp forest. Youthful, energetic palate, concentrated flavors, robust and creamy, finishing with lingering dark red berry flavors and rich tannins. A fruit driven, flavorful Zinfandel from a near perfect vintage.