

2020
ZINFANDEL

PASO ROBLES

148 Cases | Bottled March 15, 2022
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

2020 will be remembered for its COVID-10 pandemic as well as fires roughly 200 miles to the north, but the wines turned out to be of excellent quality. For Paso Robles in 2020 budbreak came a little on the late side due to late-season rainfall. Zero frost issues, and a temperate May and June followed. July was cooler than average, which helped flowering and strengthened vine health. Conditions changed in August and September which were much warmer than average.

Vineyard:

Jack Knife Vineyard (83% Zinfandel, Primitivo clone)
Blind Faith (17% Petite Sirah)
Certified Organic grapes.

Harvest:

October 13, 2020. Harvested by hand.

Fermentation:

100% destemmed into 5-ton temperature controlled stainless steel tank, 16 day *cuvaison*/skin contact.
Cultured yeast, naturally occurring malolactic bacteria.

Aging:

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

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
14.2%	3.77	5.1g/L



TASTING NOTES

This is a deeply colored ruby purple wine with aromas of dark plum, blueberry, a hint of blackberry, spicy notes of anise, coriander, black pepper and a hint of burnt orange rind. Youthful grippy but fine tannins.