

2021

## ZINFANDEL

PASO ROBLES

197 Cases | Bottled March 6, 2023  
**Suggested Retail:** \$25

### 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

The 2021 vintage came off the heels of a continued drought in California. We saw a decent amount of pre-season rainfall in Paso Robles this year. However, most of the precipitation arrived during a single storm event, causing runoff that prevented much of the water from penetrating the soil. Canopies and vines were a little bit smaller this year because of that lower rainfall total. Yields came in around average, with fruit showing more structure and higher tannin levels than typical. We experienced mild temperatures through harvest in September and October, which opened the stretch of time for picking at optimal maturity. This was a late harvest with long hang time yielding wines with concentrated flavors.

#### Vineyard:

Jack Knife Vineyard (84% Zinfandel, Primitivo clone)  
Blind Faith (16% Petite Sirah)  
Certified Organic grapes.

#### Harvest:

October 5, 2021. Harvested by hand.

#### Fermentation:

100% destemmed into 5-ton temperature controlled stainless steel tank. Cultured yeast, naturally occurring malolactic bacteria. Non-fined, light filtration.

#### Agging:

Aged in one to four times filled French oak barrels.

<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>pH:</b>	<b>T.A.:</b>
14.5%	3.74	5.21g/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.