

# 2019 MARISA VINEYARD OLD VINE ZINFANDEL



# KLINKER BRICK WINERY

## Appellation

Lodi – Mokelumne River AVA

## Growing Philosophy

While blending our Old Vine Zinfandel, our winemaker noted that each year the fruit from the Marisa Vineyard produced outstanding wine vintage after vintage. Thus, we began to bottle this designated wine as a single vineyard, showcasing the high quality of this vineyard site. Award-winning for four vintages in a row, the Marisa Vineyard shows the brightness of fruit that is a trademark of Klinker Brick wines.

## Vineyard Highlights

**Marisa Vineyard (1928)** This 94-year-old vineyard was planted on its own rootstock, head-trained and mostly dry farmed, producing only 3-4 tons per acre each season. The vineyard is near the Mokelumne River and is heavily influenced by the cooling effects of the Delta Breeze. The site produces a distinct eucalyptus note as well as a red fruit component that distinguishes itself from our other Old Vine Zinfandel vineyards.

## Vintage Notes

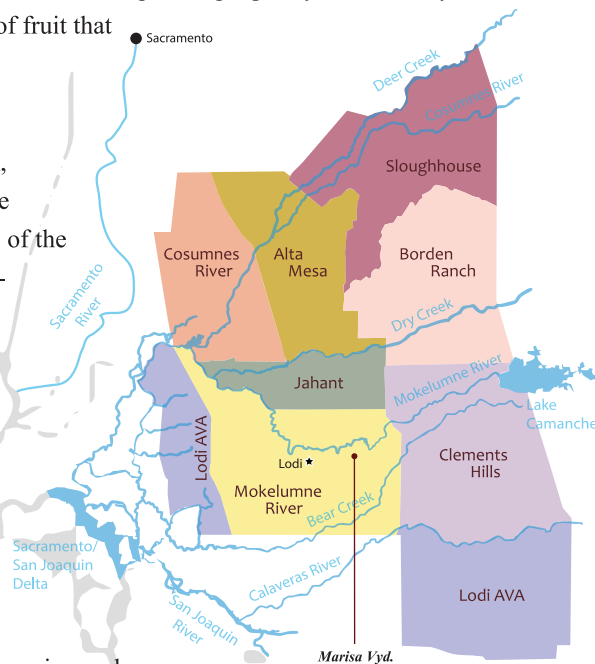
Adequate rainfall over the winter ensured a good fruit set and anticipation of ample yields. However lower than average temperatures through the growing season and a lack of summer heat spikes resulted in a smaller than average crop. Cooler August temperatures allowed us to leave clusters on the vine longer coaxing out rich fruit flavors without losing acidity.

## Winemaking

Grapes are hand harvested and carefully sorted before gentle de-stemming and crushing directly into French and American Oak barrels. Fermentation occurred over a 14 day period in oak barrels. This method increases oxygen exposure softening tannins and builds subtle oak flavors. Post-fermentation, the wine is allowed to macerate on the skins for 10 days, leading to its opaque ruby red color. The wine is then racked off the lees and allowed to age in oak for 18 months.

## Taste

A bright nose of mixed berries are contrasted with a touch of rhubarb. The mouth is full-bodied and generous, with notes of juicy blueberry and plum. The smooth finish lingers with ample acidity for balance and moderate tannins to round out the wine. Serve with braised short ribs.



## Vital Statistics

**Production** 1,500 cases

**Maturation** 18 Months, American Oak

**Cooperage** Radoux

**Harvest Date** September 19, 2020

**Brix** 25.6°

**Maceration** 10 Days

**Alcohol** 15.4%

**PH** 3.53

**TA** 7.4 g/L