

2023 MARISA VINEYARD OLD VINE ZINFANDEL



KLINKER BRICK WINERY

Appellation

Lodi – Mokelumne River AVA

Growing Philosophy

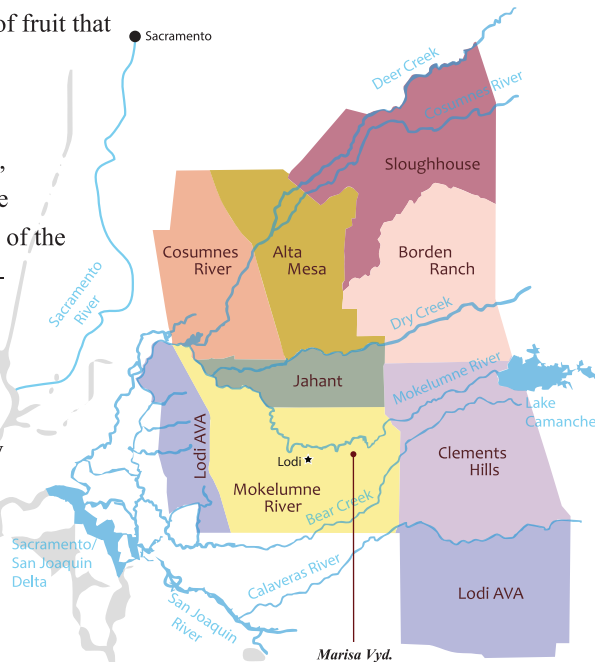
While blending our Old Vine Zinfandel, our winemaker noted that each year the fruit from the Marisa Vineyard produced outstanding wine vintage after vintage. Thus, we began to bottle this designated wine as a single vineyard, showcasing the high quality of this vineyard site. Award-winning for four vintages 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 98-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

The 2023 vintage stands out as one of the most unique years in the Lodi record books. Unfolding over one of the lengthiest seasons in decades, our harvesting journey commenced in early August and extended gracefully until mid-November due to its remarkably mild climate and minimal heat spikes relative to previous years. The harmonious combination of a gentle climate and cool nights facilitated a much slower ripening process, ultimately contributing to an intensity of flavor and color concentration not seen in decades.



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

Aromas of vanilla and tobacco on the nose. The mouth is full-bodied, with notes of juicy blueberry and bright cranberry. The smooth finish lingers with ample acidity for balance and moderate tannins to round the wine.

Vital Statistics

Production 1,500 cases

Maturation 18 Months, American Oak

Cooperage Radoux

Harvest Date September 16, 2023

Brix 26.3°

Maceration 10 Days

Alcohol 15.4%

PH 3.55

TA 6.7 g/L