

# 2021 MARISA VINEYARD OLD VINE ZINFANDEL



# KLINKER BRICK WINERY

## Appellation

Lodi – Mokelumne River AVA

## Growing Philosophy

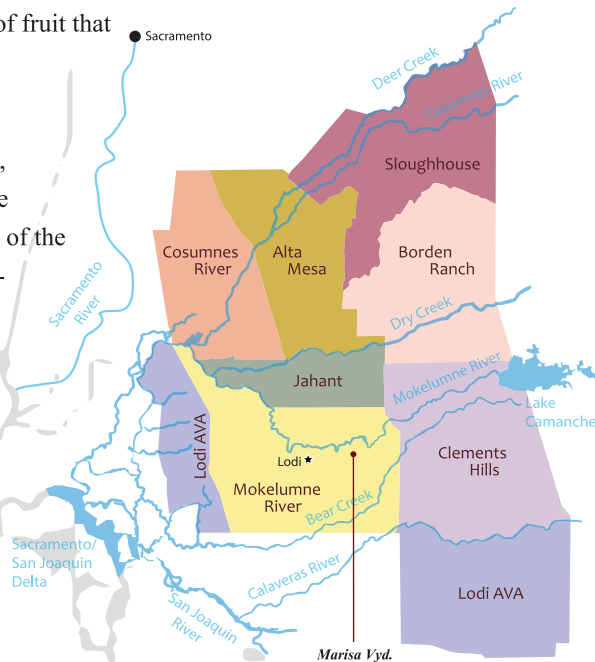
While blending our Old Vine Zinfandel, our winemaker noted that each year the fruit from the Marisa Vineyard produced outstanding wine vintage after vintage. Thus, we began to bottle this designated wine as a single vineyard, showcasing the high quality of this vineyard site. Award-winning for four vintages 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 96-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 2021 Lodi growing season turned out to be one of the best and easiest in many years. With almost no precipitation from May through mid-October, the dryer conditions made for a lighter crop; resulting in smaller berry size, a vivid concentration of color and a strong intensity of flavor. Harvest began the first week of August with grapes for our sparkling wines and finished at the end of October with Petite Sirah and Dolcetto.



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



## Vital Statistics

**Production** 1,500 cases

**Maturation** 18 Months, American Oak

**Cooperage** Radoux

**Harvest Date** August 26, 2021

**Brix** 26.3°

**Maceration** 10 Days

**Alcohol** 15.4%

**PH** 3.6

**TA** 6.7 g/L