



Appellation

Lodi – Mokelumne River AVA

Growing Philosophy

Each year, we blend 16 Zinfandel vineyards ranging from 57 to nearly 125 years old in the Central Mokelumne region of Lodi. Access to such an array of fruit allows us to showcase only the highest quality of old vine grapes; highlighting both the bright qualities of the younger vineyards and the savory qualities of the oldest vineyards.

Vineyard Highlights

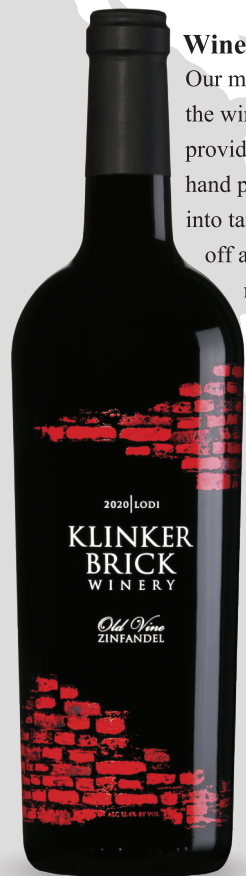
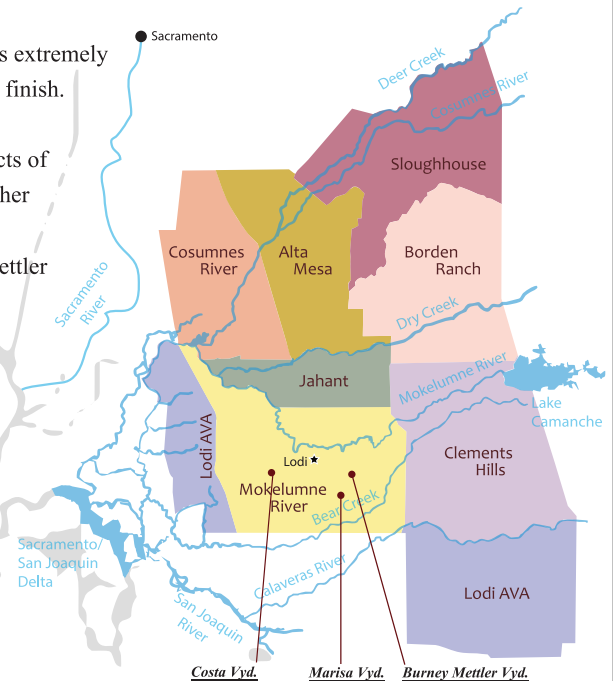
Costa Vineyard (1900) – A vineyard with surprising vigor for its age, the Costa block produces extremely small berries. This skin to flesh ratio provides the beautiful velvety mouthfeel and lovely spice finish. Yields are 3.5 tons per acre.

Marisa Vineyard (1928) – Planted on its own roots and heavily influenced by the cooling effects of the Delta Breeze, this vineyard often showcases a distinct eucalyptus note that can be lost in other vineyards. Yields are 2.5 tons per acre.

Burney Mettler Vineyard, Block 2 (1962) – The sheer quality of site Block 1 of the Burney Mettler Vineyard gives way to the Old Ghost program, a second block was planted in 1962. Block 1 exhibits characteristics of sweet tobacco & leather while Block 2 exhibits a fresh vibrance of Bing cherries and fresh raspberry. Yields are 4.0 tons per acre.

Vintage Notes

The 2020 Lodi growing season, much like the year in general, created some unique challenges for grape-growers. Lower than average rainfall in the winter gave us some pause but our patience was ultimately rewarded in March and April when the region received some much needed rain. The lack of cloud cover in the early part of bud-break (March) led to some warmer conditions that were being interpreted as an indicator of an earlier than normal harvest.



Winemaking

Our mission at Klinker Brick is the pursuit of balance. Believing that quality comes first from great vineyard techniques, once at the winery, we take a rather minimalist approach. Classic techniques of barrel fermentation and a more judicious maceration provide a balanced structure to help counter this lush region. We pick early in the morning when temperatures are very mild. Each hand picked Zinfandel block is hand sorted in the vineyard. Once at the winery, the grapes are de-stemmed, gently crushed and put into tanks for a 24-hour cold soak. During maceration, we do three pump-overs per day, after which, the finished wine is drained off and the skins are gently pressed. Keeping each lot separate, we then transfer the wine to barrels for maturation. After three months, we begin the process of determining which blocks will be utilized for the vintage. As the wine matures we begin to work on our final blend from the designated blocks.

Taste

This, our flagship zinfandel, is made from vineyard blocks up to 123 years old. Delta Breezes and the associated fog allow us to retain above average acidity for the region, providing notes of dark cherry and spices. Barrel fermentation provides additional structure to a thin skinned varietal. The extremely low yields of century old vineyards bring notes of raspberry and cranberry, with a hint of black pepper. The result is a balanced and complex Zinfandel perfect for both Summer barbecues and Fall fire pits

Vital Statistics

Maturation 15 Months American Oak

Cooperage Radoux

Harvest Date October, 2020

Brix 25.7°

Maceration 7 Days

Alcohol 15.4%

PH 3.76

TA 6.5 g/L