2019

JP Zinfandel



The Original Grandpère Vineyard

Among the pioneers who introduced Sangiovese to the New World, the Gullett family set out in 1985 with the singular goal of making Vino Noceto California's premiere Sangiovese producer. They are now renowned for making "California's Best Sangiovese." From just three producing acres and 110 cases in their inaugural 1990 vintage, they now farm over 25 acres and produce 10,000 cases per year, including ten different Sangioveses, a frizzante Moscato, an old vine Zinfandel, Barbera, Aglianico, and more.

Produced from the historic Original Grandpère Vineyard in California's Shenandoah Valley of Amador County, this Zinfandel is the epitome of Sierra Foothill old-vine Zinfandel. The Grandpère is reputedly the oldest, documented, producing Zinfandel vineyard in the state, dating back to the 1860s. This is Vino Noceto's 17th vintage from the vineyard.

## VINEYARDS

Zinfandel from The Original Grandpère Vineyard, Shenandoah Valley, CA.

## WINEMAKING

The fruit is cold soaked for 1 to 2 days followed by fermentation for 14 to 20 days at 80°-95° Fahrenheit in submerged-cap stainless steel tanks. This technique favors a fruit-forward, gentle extraction of flavors while retaining the black pepper spiciness for which Amador Zins are widely known. Aged 21 months in French oak barrels, 30% new. Unfiltered at bottling.

## THEWINE

The 2018 OGP Zin is multi-dimensional—great balance and structure augmented by notes of black pepper, pine needles, and spice along with dried blackberry fruit. Pair with steak, lamb, pork loin, wild game or ratatouille.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Best Zinfandel in Amador County, Double Gold - Amador County Fair
93 Points - Wine Enthusiast
93 Points - Planet Grape

WINEMAKER: Rusty Folena

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