

PAINTED FIELDS CURSE OF KNOWLEDGE

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DESCRIPTION

The soils in the Sierra Foothills are special. The microclimates and varying elevations hide unique opportunities; capable of growing a vast selection of varietals, including grapes traditionally considered obscure to California.

As an avid wine enthusiast and Napa frequenter, to discover such a secretive wine region inspired founder, Janis Akuna. It gave her a vision to share a different kind of experience with other wine enthusiasts.

But even more than that, it was the rural wine region of Amador County that struck her the most; reminiscent of the early days of Napa she so dearly missed.

It never not occurred to founder, Janis Akuna, to earn, yet, one more degree and start a third career in winemaking, dive into a profession few women have explored, let alone plant roots in Amador County.

Janis and her husband, Andy Friedlander, intended to move to Napa. To move forward with the next phase of their lives, but to their disappointment, Napa no longer offered a slower pace outside of traffic jams.

Then a rural wine region that many claim to be reminiscent of Napa's early days caught them by surprise. It wasn't just its historic stretch of wildland and the diversity of wines - Janis admired there was no sense of "exclusivity" from locals. Only a sincerity that led to friendships and a new dream to pursue.

“Instead of limos on the side of the road, I saw tractors. It was like the old days of Napa.”

In 2009, Janis and her husband, Andy Friedlander, found their own stretch of land to replant portions of, the vineyard was originally planted in the 1970s. Also, while seeking out the highest quality vineyards to buy additional fruit. Working closely with Sage Architecture and Sunseri Construction, they built a state of the art winemaking facility with two tenets; design a sustainable winery to produce world class wines that is attractive, but different from all others.

After encouraging Andy to move forward with the next phase of their lives and start Andis Wines, Janis decided to take her own advice and retire from a prominent Wall Street firm where she worked for more than 40 years as a Certified Financial Planner and Wealth Advisor. Soon after retirement, Janis earned a winemaking certification from UC Davis.

For the past two years she has been working during harvest and assisting Estate Winemaker, Mark Fowler. With an undergraduate degree from UC Davis, Janis claims the winery business is in her blood. Janis also holds an MBA from the University of Hawaii and is involved with much of the strategic planning at Andis Wines.

Andy still balances his time between running the largest commercial real estate company in Hawaii and managing Andis Wines with Janis.

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Curse of Knowledge is 77% Cabernet Sauvignon from Andis Estate, Rancho Victoria, and Brice Station; 13% Cabernet Franc from Hawk Creek, Brice Station, and Salman Farms; 7% Merlot from Miraos and 3% Petite Verdot from Bokisch Vineyard. The vineyards are composed of decomposed granite and sandy loam between 1500 feet– 3200 feet in elevation.

Each varietal is fermented and aged separately for the first 4 to 6 months. After blending, the wine spends another 6 to 8 months in barrels for a total of up to 14 months in 25% New French Oak.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

intense ruby color and the sensational bouquet of dried violet, black cherry, fresh herbs, and cocoa powder.

Palate:

The velvety tannins create a generous and round, balanced mid-palate, with a lingering finish of dark berries and black licorice. Enjoy it now to taste the brightness of our fruits, or age it in your cellar for the next decade.

Pairing:

Bordeaux blends pair with hearty dishes like beef, lamb, game, roast pork, and duck.

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