



PAINTED FIELDS OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

2021/\$21.99



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.

In 2009, Janis and her husband, Andy Friedlander, found their own stretch of land to re-plant portions of the vineyard originally planted in the 1970s, 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.

Janis left her job for a new career in winemaking, following the hire of Lorenzo Muslia in 2014, who eventually became National Sales Manager, as well as a partner for Andis - joining partner, Jenae Plasse. Within those formative years, they contracted with renowned wine consultant Philippe Melka, who helped ensure the quality of wines met Lorenzo's standards and liking. Later, fellow visionary Mark Fowler joined the team as Estate Wine-maker.

All are a driving force behind Janis' vision - to handcraft world class wines that celebrate the pure expression of its soil.

Painted Fields Old Vine Zinfandel pays homage to our farmers who believed in Zinfandel and held these vineyards for decades, and in some cases, for over a century.

"The Painted Fields Wines are a testament to the hard work of Andis' winemaking team, led by consultant winemakers Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky. Together with viticulturist/winemaker Mark Fowler and Lorenzo Muslia, their mission is to craft unique blends that draw inspiration from old-world winemaking styles while honoring California's rich heritage. These blends are perfect for everyday enjoyment and pair well with various cuisines. The Mediterranean-inspired white blend is crisp and refreshing, while the red blend perfectly balances boldness and elegance. Zinfandel pays homage to the growers who recognized the grapes' potential to make history in California." - Andy Friedlander, Andis Co-Founder

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Painted Fields Old Vine Zinfandel is sourced from different vineyards throughout the Sierra Foothills AVA region to compose a beautiful, elegant red wine similar to what was likely produced here in the early days before Zinfandel wine became a jammy fruit bomb.

The grapes are 95% Zinfandel and 5% Barbera sourced from Andis Estate planted in the 1970s, Di Stasio planted in the 1960s, Fox Creek planted in the 1910s, Esola Vineyard planted in 1940s, and Shake Ridge planted in 2003 from decomposed granite and sandy loam soils. It spends 14 months in barrels with 15% New French Oak barrels. There were only 2000 cases produced.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

Aromas of blackberry, anise, pepper, and a smoky finish.

Palate:

The 2021 vintage is a well-balanced, layered, and seamless wine offering tons of fresh blackberry and raspberry flavors wrapped in a bracing texture of fine-grained tannins and bright acidity.

Pairing:

This Zinfandel would be a perfect accompaniment to roasted turkey!

Winery Website: [Andis Wines - Shop - Painted Fields](#)

Fun Fact

Wine Enthusiast-91 Points

Sierra Foothills A.V.A., California

Wine regions of California

