

2021

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Old Vine Zinfandel Planchon Vineyard, Contra Costa County

The 6-acre Planchon Vineyard was planted in 1902 in alluvial sand with no irrigation, in a warm inland corner of the Sacramento River Delta. These gnarly old head-trained vines are growing on their own deep roots, and they produce fruit with immense character and round, spicy, caramel flavors.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Beautiful nose of sage, blackberry and milk chocolate, touch of caramel and cedar from the oak, bit of dusty earth. Almost Cabernet-like in its profile, from the kiss of green herbs to nicely structured tannins. Bright acidity while still creamy, and a plush, long finish.

Harvest Date: August 17, 2021

Average Brix at Harvest: 28.5°Brix

Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.57 gm/100ml pH 3.73

Fermentation: 3 days of cold soak,

All fermented in 1-ton bins,

hand punched down twice daily

10 days total on skins

Cellar Storage/Aging: 20 months aged in older American oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.3%

Total Acidity: 0.64 gm/100ml pH: 3.47

Varietal: 99% Zinfandel, 1% Rose of Peru (Mission)

Appellation: Planchon Vineyard, Contra Costa Co

Planted 1902, dry-farmed bush vines

Case production: 168 cases
Bottling Date: May 30, 2023
Release Date: March 1, 2024

