

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2013

ZINFANDEL

JESSE'S VINEYARD

VINEYARD NOTES

Duarte Vineyard - Most of our Zinfandels are vineyard designates, and in Jesse's case, it is not only a vineyard designate, it is an homage. Jesse is the 96 year old farmer who still farms the 126 year old Zinfandel vines out in Oakley, in Contra Costa County. When I see Jesse, he always tells me, "Don't put my name on the bottle unless it's the good stuff." So, we followed orders and made the most lush, rich, essential Contra Costa Zinfandel that I have tasted.

PRODUCTION

2013 was an ideal growing year climatically and the result was beautiful bounties of perfect fruit. Over three days, September 6th, 7th and 8th we received a marathon, 66 tons of this beautiful Old vine Zin. We have to pick the vineyard over three days to ensure that we can process all the fruit the day we receive it. We crushed into three different tanks with 22 tons each. After a one week cold soak to extract all those beautiful flavors, we inoculated each tank with a different yeast strain. One got, D80, one got RP15 and one got 43. After they were all done fermenting, we pressed them all together and added malolactic to give a luscious, rich mouthfeel.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Toasty marshmallow, black tea, blackberry, and milk chocolate jump from the glass followed by flavors of ripe cherry pie, pipe tobacco, menthol and a dusty cocoa finish...indicative of essential Contra Costa flavors.

Awards

WINE SPECTATOR: 2013 Jesse's Zin 89 point (June 30 2016 issue)
2016 CHRONICLE COMPETITION: 2013 Jesse's Zin (Double Gold)
FIFTY BEST : 2013 Jesse's Zin (Double Gold)

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION

Contra Costa County

COMPOSITION

100% Zinfandel

ALCOHOL

16.4%

PH

3.50

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.74g / 100ml

BARRELS

70% Neutral American & French Oak
15% New French Oak
15% New American Oak

CASES PRODUCED

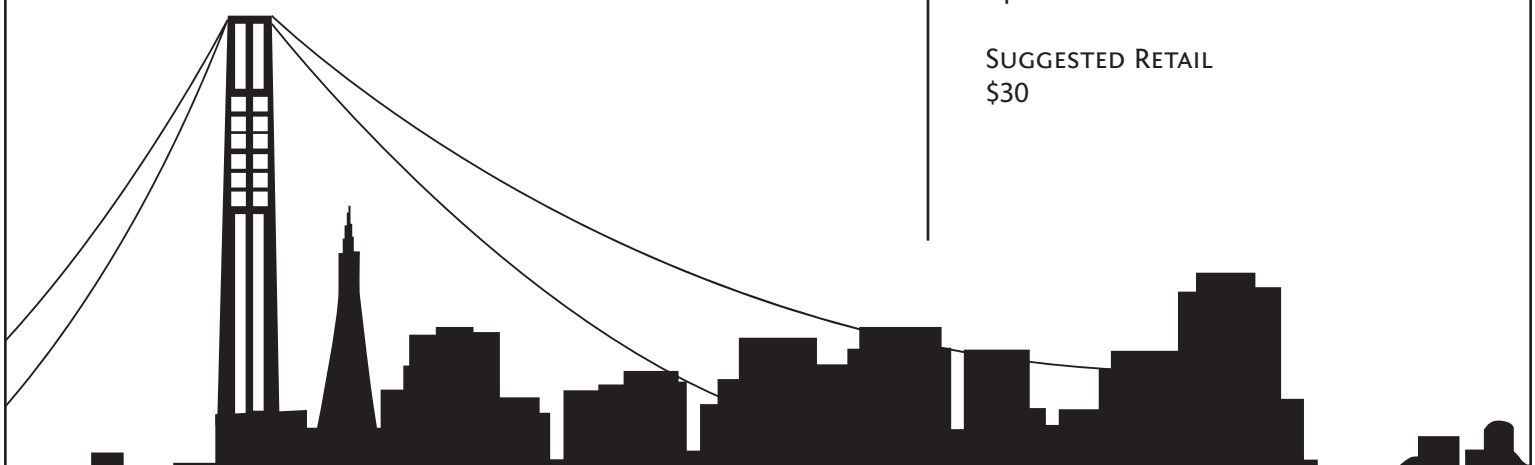
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RELEASE DATE

April 2016

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$30



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