



2016

OGP Zinfandel

The Original Grandpere Vineyard

AMADOR COUNTY

VINO NOCETO



Among the pioneers who introduced Sangiovese to the New World, the Gullett family is renowned for making "California's Best Sangiovese." In 1985, they set out with the singular goal of making VINO NOCETO California's premiere Sangiovese producer. 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, and Barbera.

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 fifteenth vintage from the vineyard.

VINEYARDS

Zinfandel from The Original Grandpère Vineyard, Shenandoah Valley, Amador County, CA

WINEMAKING

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

THE WINE

The 2016 OGP Zin is multi-dimensional—great balance and structure augmented by notes of black pepper, spice and dust along with raspberry-blueberry fruit. Pair with steak, lamb, pork loin, wild game or ratatouille.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

94 Points, Cellar Selection - Wine Enthusiast

This massive wine made from a vineyard planted in the 1860s combines powerful ripe flavors with tons of fine-grained tannins and a very full body. Great concentration, depth and layering come with baking-spice and herb nuances. It's impressive to drink now with major proteins, but best after 2023. – Jim Gordon

Harvested: Sep. 27, 2016

Alcohol: 14.1%

Bottled: Jun. 7, 2018

Cases: 345

Formats: 750mL, 1.5L

Winemaker: Rusty Folena