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'Z' ZINFANDEL 2019



THE GROWER

The Massoni Ranch was purchased in 1985 by Jim and Sue Fox. They acquired 60 acres of old vine zinfandel

THE WINE

The 2019 wine has a ruby purple color of significant depth with hues that are a bright, almost florescent garnet. The Massoni Ranch produces wines with aromas loaded with classic Zinfandel fruit; black raspberry, dark cherry and boysenberry, and the 2019 vintage is no exception. The clean focused fruit reminds me of walking past a blackberry briar at the peak of maturity. Aging this wine in small oak barrels provides it with a bouquet of toast, vanilla, and caramel. Flavors of red raspberry, currants and toasty oak are delivered by a wine with a creamy luscious texture. Our goal is for the wine to have a rich satisfying viscosity without harsh drying tannins, and the 2019 "Z" is one of our best efforts in this regard. In the finish, juicy red fruits linger with a pleasant background of oak. No residual sugar, no monster tannins, and no over ripe stewed fruit

ACCOLADES AND AWARDS

Gold

2021 Winemaker Challenge, International Wine Challenge

Gold

2021 The Toast of the Coast

Gold

2021 Critic's Challenge

Double Gold

2021 Amador County Fair

Silver

2021 El Dorado County Fair Silver

2021 OC Fair Commercial Competition



