



# TOWER 15

WINERY

## 2021 'ENZ VINEYARD' ZINFANDEL

- Lime Kiln Valley, California
- Aged 21 months in 100% neutral French oak barrels
- Alc. 15% by vol.
- 150 cases produced

Our Zinfandel, sourced from the Enz Vineyard, hails from the distinctive Lime Kiln Valley AVA located in San Benito County, California. This vineyard is a family-owned entity, rich in history and graced with a unique microclimate, creating an ideal environment for the cultivation of wine grapes adapted to warmer climates. Established in the 1890s, the Enz Vineyard is one of the oldest continuously operating vineyards in California, its roots tracing back over a century in winemaking history. What sets this vineyard apart is its commitment to traditional dry-farming techniques. Instead of relying on artificial irrigation, it harnesses natural rainfall to nurture its grapevines. This approach not only supports environmental sustainability but also enhances the grape's concentration, giving the wine a distinctive character. Enz Vineyard employs the 'head trained' methodology for growing vines. Despite being labor-intensive, this method is recognized for its ability to produce higher quality grapes. It involves pruning and shaping the vine in a manner that allows it to support itself without trellises, thus increasing the grape clusters' sun exposure.

Perhaps the most striking of all our Enz Vineyard wines is how restrained and sophisticated this Zinfandel turned out. Moving away from the typical hedonistic, California-famous characteristics of over-the-top Zinfandels, this wine takes a more complex approach. It boasts a depth of flavor with an elegant palate, layered with ripe dark fruits, intermingled with earthy undertones, a hint of spice, and subtle notes of leather and tobacco. Its balanced acidity and finely integrated tannins create a smooth, enduring finish. This combination of old-world charm and nuanced flavors makes it a pleasant and conversation-starting treat, perfect for pairing with food.