



OLD LUTHERAN

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2014 ZIN BOLDLY OLD VINE ZINFANDEL ESTATE BOTTLED

Back in 1521, Martin Luther wrote in a letter to Phillip Melanchthon, “Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly, for he is victorious over sin, death and the world.” We celebrate the spirit of Luther’s advice with this Zin from a special vineyard planted more than forty years ago overlooking the Mokelumne River, flowing through the heart of Lodi, famed for the cultivation of Zinfandel. Spread the Word with this fine wine.

Tasting Notes

This is what classic old vine Zin really should taste like: seamless decadent fruit held in balance by super-velvety-smooth, chalky tannins – a big brawny brooding Zin. Black cherries and plums come to mind when trying to imagine the fruit. Then there’s that sort of melted-dark-chocolate-with-coffee experience going on ahead of a long, satisfying finish. Nothing is amped-up or over-the-top, nor unnaturally sweet or non-descript. Time to pay the corkage fee and shell out for a juicy thick New York steak with seared-on grill marks and realize that you’re getting a world-class experience for a fraction of the cost of those high-rent appellations. (07/31/2016)

Statistics

Appellation:	Gill Creek Ranch, Clements Hills, Lodi (planted in 1968)		
Blend:	100% Zinfandel		
Harvested:	August 28, 2014 by hand at dawn		
Winemaking:	Free-run juice only, 40% new French oak		
Cases:	60 bottled March 27, 2016		
Alcohol:	15.1%	RS:	0.20 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.62	TA:	6.20 g/L