

INK GRADE

2017 ANDOSOL

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley. Amongst densely forested pines and sequoia stands, it lies in the north-east corner of the Howell Mountain AVA with a predominant view facing East. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slope, this mountainside vineyard grasps to volcanic “tufa” soils. Ink Grade Estate possesses a raw tension that renders fruit of immense intensity and depth. If ever there was a site which imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

WALK IN THE SUN

Andosol draws inspiration from the historic field blends of California. Zinfandel is the protagonist. This is a blend meant to be enjoyed in its youth. To provide a unique perspective of the Ink Grade Estate. Undoubtedly, this site and the inherent stress it lends to grape growing will saturate the grapes with intensity and depth. This is not a feeble or simple wine. It will age incredibly well. Rather, it is our intent to provide a lens through which one can begin to understand the concept of site and how it is transparent in these wines regardless of varietal or winemaking. This is a house favorite. There is something about mountain Zinfandel that captivates and satiates. It is with pleasure we provide you with a different perspective of Ink Grade. Andosol.

88% NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL, 12% HOWELL MTN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HARVEST DATE: AUGUST 28, 2017

BARREL AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK (35% NEW, 65% USED)

BOTTLED ON JULY 31, 2020

ALCOHOL: 14%

TA: 6.7G/L

PH: 3.50

1887 CASES PRODUCED