



2017 MOURVEDRE OLD VINES

The sandscapes of Contra Costa County constitute the most visually striking soil, if that is the right word, of any region in which we work. Imagine an episode of *The Twilight Zone* or *American Horror Story* created for the grape vine demographic. In a small swale within a more vast planting of old vine zinfandel and carignane, these vines appear to rise up out the sand after having been buried alive. For many vines, there is no visible trunk, merely 7 or 8 arms reaching a foot or so out of the ground. Vines in this extremely low lying spot seem almost immune to the heat and drought stress from which so many other vineyards in this stretch along the southern edge of the Sacramento River Delta suffer .

We took advantage of an unexpected window of opportunity to ferment this wine in cement which creates, for whatever reason, a more pinpoint, focused final product without being overly tight or at all closed and reductive. Our trademark “ninja tannins” sit coiled beneath the wine - supporting, widening and lengthening - only to vanish once seemingly surrounded by the search party.

-Alex & John

Release Date: Spring 2019
Composition: 100% Mourvèdre
Appellation: Contra Costa County

