

# THE FABLEIST

Vintage :: 2021

Varietal :: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard :: Old Potrero (organic)

AVA :: Central Coast

Elevage :: 6 months in 100% American oak;  
17% new, 83% neutral

Alcohol :: 14.7%

Barrel Count :: 139

Age Potential :: 7-9 years

UPC :: 713382533812

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## ZINFANDEL

### *The Scorpion and the Frog*

A frog and a scorpion are on a riverbank, and the scorpion asks the frog for a ride across. The frog says, "How do I know you won't sting me?" And the scorpion replies, "Of course I won't, or we would both drown." But as they make their way into the water, the scorpion stings the frog, dooming them both. When the frog asks why, the scorpion says, "It's in my nature."

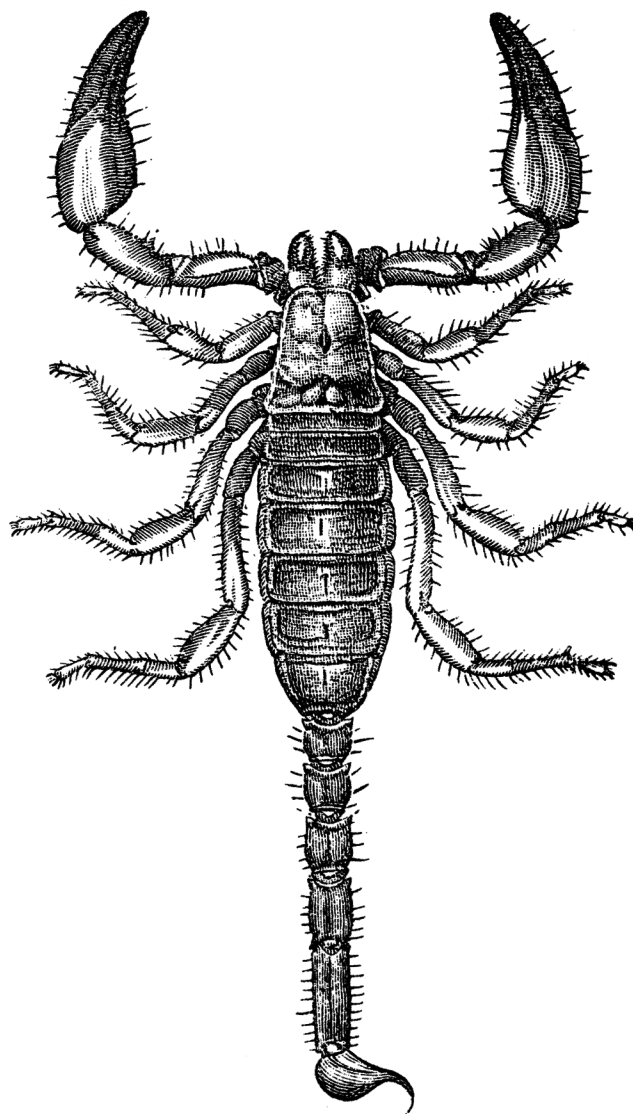
This fable relates to the fact that we started a Cab brand in Paso Robles, but of course, we ended up making Zinfandel. It wasn't on our radar to begin with, but after all, it's what Paso is known for. It's part of the nature and culture here.

### *Tasting Notes*

Cozy as a Christmas fire, cranberry and rhubarb dance on the palate as you're filled with the warmth of pie spice, followed by a silky finish. You can practically hear the crackling flames.

### *Winemaking*

These grapes are sourced entirely from the Old Potrero Vineyard in Arroyo Grande Valley, which has a perfect plateau for these grapes. This old vine Zinfandel is located only 8 miles from the ocean, so the wine retains incredible acidity, even at riper levels. This block is entirely dry farmed in what is essentially beach sand with 10-by-10 spacing, evocative of Spain. This produces incredibly small yields. The grapes were hand-picked and 100% destemmed. We fermented for 3 weeks, then pressed off to barrel. We prefer to use American oak to counterbalance the brightness of the fruit.



SUSTAINABLE • NO ADDITIVES • VEGAN  
NATIVE YEAST • MINIMAL SULFUR

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