



**VINEYARD**  
STOKES VINEYARD

**AVA**  
LODI

**HARVEST DATE**  
9-27-2024

**FINISHED PH**  
3.36

**FINISHED TA**  
6.91

**ALCOHOL**  
15.1

**OAK PROGRAM**  
All American or Hungarian, 20%  
New, 20% Once Filled Balance  
Neutral

**CASES PRODUCED**  
110



# Calstar Cellars

## 2024 ZaZa Zin, Old Vine Zinfandel

Lodi

### Vineyard Profile

The renowned Stokes Vineyard, located in Lodi's sun-drenched San Joaquin County, continues to showcase the expressive potential of Old Vine Zinfandel. These mature vines, carefully maintained and deeply rooted in the region's sandy loam soils, produce fruit with exceptional character. The 2024 vintage builds on this tradition, benefiting from a smooth growing season and timely harvest, resulting in a wine that combines the boldness of Zinfandel with layers of spice, structure, and finesse.

### Winemaker's Notes

Thanks to warm days and cool nights throughout the season, the 2024 vintage ripened evenly and with intensity. These conditions helped maintain acidity while promoting full flavor development, resulting in a Zinfandel that is both approachable and cellar-worthy.

The wine exhibits a vibrant garnet color in the glass. Aromas of red cherry, blackberry, and wild bramble instantly arise, complemented by background notes of vanilla bean, black licorice, and warm spices. A hint of rose petal and earth hints at the vineyard's signature character.

On the palate, it begins with lush dark berries and ripe cherries, complemented by hints of fig, espresso, and cocoa. The tannins are well-structured yet silky, providing balance to the wine's full-bodied richness. A backbone of bright acidity persists through the finish, adding to its complexity.

The 2024 ZaZa Zin is best enjoyed after decanting—give it an hour or two, and you'll be rewarded with more depth and harmony. With its smooth texture, layered fruit, and spice, this wine is perfect for the table now and will continue to develop beautifully over the next 7 to 10 years.

This vintage is a true reflection of Lodi's potential and the enduring legacy of Stokes Vineyard. Enjoy it alongside grilled meats, smoked dishes, or savory autumn fare.

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