



Calstar Cellars

2025 ZaZa Zin, Old Vine Zinfandel

Lodi

Vineyard Profile

The renowned Stokes Vineyard, located in Lodi's San Joaquin County, continues to showcase the expressive potential of Old Vine Zinfandel. These mature vines, deeply rooted in the region's sandy loam soils, produce fruit of exceptional character. The 2025 vintage benefited from a cool spring, a mild summer moderated by the Delta breeze, and no significant heat events — conditions that allowed the old vines to ripen gradually and evenly, building concentration while preserving the freshness and acidity that make great Lodi Zinfandel.

Winemaker's Notes

The 2025 ZaZa Zin pours a deep, vibrant garnet in the glass with a purple-edged rim that hints at the wine's youthful concentration. On the nose, it opens with characteristic old-vine intensity: ripe red cherry, blackberry, and wild bramble rise first, followed by warm background notes of vanilla bean, black licorice, and baking spice. A subtle thread of rose petal and earth adds the signature character of the Stokes Vineyard — a note that only comes from vines with deep roots and long memory.

On the palate, the 2025 ZaZa Zin is both generous and structured. Lush dark berries and ripe cherry define the entry, complemented by hints of fig, espresso, and cocoa as the wine opens up. The tannins are well-built yet silky — a quality that reflects the cool, measured growing season and the old vines' natural tendency toward balance over brute force. A backbone of bright acidity persists through the long, spice-edged finish, keeping the wine lively and food-friendly despite its full-bodied richness.

Give this wine an hour or two in the decanter before serving, and you will be rewarded with more depth and harmony. With its smooth texture, layered fruit, and warm spice, the 2025 ZaZa Zin is perfect for the table now and will continue to develop beautifully over the next 7 to 10 years. Serve alongside grilled meats, smoked dishes, braised lamb, or savory autumn fare.

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HARVEST DATE

9-26-2025

FINISHED PH

3.48

FINISHED TA

6.60

ALCOHOL

14.41

OAK PROGRAM

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

CASES PRODUCED

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