

INK GRADE

2019 ANDOSOL

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings 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 that imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

A PREMIER BLEND OF PURE MOUNTAIN FRUIT

Andosol draws inspiration from the historic field blends of California while paying homage to European principles of winemaking. Each year this cuvée is crafted to best express the unique mountain terroir comprised of volcanic rock and ash formed in the Miocene era almost five million years ago. Undoubtedly, this site and the inherent stress it lends to grape growing saturates the fruit with intensity and depth. The nutrient-rich volcanic soils and rugged site of the mountain vineyards lend vibrancy to this Zinfandel blend. A unique perspective of the Ink Grade Estate, this polished and bold wine is meant to be enjoyed in its youth but will also age incredibly well.

2019 VINTAGE INSIGHTS

“An elegant and refined expression of the terroir, the 2019 Andosol carries aromas of black cherry, raspberry, black pepper, and a prominent note of violet. The palate is well-structured with bright acidity and integrated tannins, complemented by notes of pomegranate and hints of cedar leading to a long and beautiful finish.”

— WINEMAKER, MATT TAYLOR, JULY 2023

AVA: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 99% ZINFANDEL, 1% MERLOT

HARVEST DATES: 9/5/19 – 9/14/19

AGING: 1 YEAR IN USED UPRIGHT OAK TANKS, 2 YEARS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS (30% NEW)

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

VINEYARD BLOCKS: COLISEUM, PUMP HOUSE, THE TERRACES, HEAVEN & EARTH

PRODUCTION: 1,605 CASES