

JOULLIAN VINEYARDS & WINERY

Varietal: Zinfandel

Vintage: 2014

Fanciful Name: Sias Cuvee

Region/AVA: Carmel Valley

State Of Origin: California

ABV: 14.5%

Bottle Size: 750 ml

Bottles Per Case: 12

Closure Type: Cork Finish

WINE STORY:

Dick Sias, cofounder of Joullian Vineyards, is considered the father of Zinfandel in Carmel Valley. In 1984, he supervised the planting of Carmel Valley's first Zinfandel vines at Joullian. We began with a non-heat-treated Amador County clone selected by Dr. Bioletti in 1917, and have since added pre-prohibition vineyard selections from Lytton Springs, Brandlin (Mt.Veeder), St. Peter's Church (Cloverdale) and Primitivo-3 (Puglia, Italy). For complexity, we also have small amounts of Petite Sirah (Lytton Springs), plus our Italian field crush varieties: Aleatico, Alicante Bouschet, Carignane and Black Grenache. Joullian's multi-clonal approach in the vineyard continues to reap multidimensional benefits in the winery. 2014 featured several weeks of 90-95°F heat in late September, early October, so we carefully culled sunburned and raisined fruit in the field, resulting in 40% less tonnage but the final Zin blend is full of perfumed rich black fruit, silky tannins and thanks to a dollop of Cabernet, refreshing acidity.

SCORES AND ACCOLADES:

91 points Wine Enthusiast

