



Garagiste

WINE CLUB

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Zinke Wines

Owner & Winemaker: Michael Zinke

Location: Santa Barbara County, California

Founded in 2012 by Oklahoma native Michael Zinke, Zinke Wines is an ultra-boutique winery nestled in the Santa Ynez Valley of Santa Barbara County on California's Central Coast. Michael specializes in handcrafted, single vineyard Rhône varietal wines sourced from several of the top 'Grand Cru' vineyards of California's Central Coast, including the Thompson Vineyard, Bien Nacido Vineyard, Kimsey Vineyard, and John Sebastiano Vineyard, among others. It is Michael's goal to craft unapologetic, site-specific wines that represent the land they come from, and he hopes you have as much fun enjoying his wines as he does making them.

Born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Michael Zinke grew up fly fishing, camping, and working on his family's cattle ranch in Osage County. It was there that he developed his love affair with the land, its bounty, and working with his hands. After graduating from Le Cordon Bleu, Michael moved to Santa Ynez, California to pursue his passion for winemaking. He was inspired by the incredible terroir of Santa Barbara County and founded Zinke Wines in 2012. Michael's philosophy at Zinke Wines is simple: his passion stems from the vine itself, the earth it comes from, and the fruit it produces. He feels extremely lucky to be able to work with some of the very best vineyards on the Central Coast, which are all a stone's throw from his home in Santa Ynez, and it is his mission to represent these special sites with authentic, terroir-driven wines.

When it comes to Michael's winemaking style, he keeps it as simple and straightforward as possible. He picks his fruit at optimal ripeness and hands sorts the berries to pick the best clusters for his wines. He does not use any additives, allowing the vineyards to completely speak for themselves. He also does small-lot, whole cluster fermentations and finds the proper balance of oak and aging time to bring out the best that the fruit has to offer. This guy is all about passion, love, authenticity, and the pursuit of the impossible - perfection - and it's no wonder his wines are so impressive.

Zinke Wines also operates a small tasting room that's located in the heart of downtown Los Olivos in the Santa Ynez Valley. Here, visitors are able to taste through the extremely limited production Zinke Wines, and also partake in the lawn games and live music which is offered weekly at the lively and hospitable facility.

We are proud to share one of Zinke Wines' most popular releases to our Garagiste Wine Club members. Enjoy!



Zinke 2014 Reserve Syrah

150 cases produced

Block 2c, Thompson Vineyard, Santa Barbara County

The Zinke 2014 Reserve Syrah comes from a special block, 2c, of the renowned Thompson Vineyard in Santa Barbara County. This sustainably farmed vineyard site is one of the best sources of cool-climate Syrah on the Central Coast - it has even been named a favorite Central Coast vineyard by Robert Parker. On the nose, aggressive aromas of melted dark chocolate and brambleberry give way to hints of saw dust, freshly ground espresso beans and a touch of cola nut. The palate offers gripping tannins that are met with a fruit-forward burst of flavors and floral and deep earth tones, creating a well-balanced and enticing wine from start to finish. Aged 24 months in oak. 100% Syrah. Enjoy!

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$55.00 / bottle

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*2 bottle minimum per wine, per order. Shipping and tax (if applicable) not included. Call for details.

