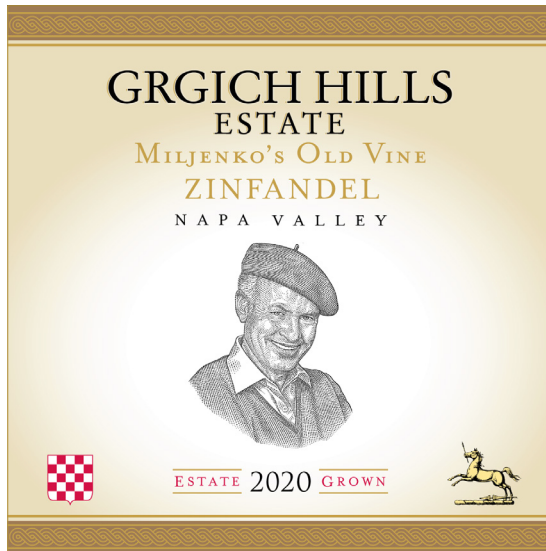


# GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY



MILJENKO'S OLD VINE  
2020 ZINFANDEL  
ESTATE GROWN • NAPA VALLEY

**VINTAGE:** 2020 was a challenging but ultimately one of the most rewarding vintages for us. One of the hottest vintages on record with multiple heat waves well over 100 degrees, vintage 2020 was also accompanied by exceptionally low rainfall: 50-60% below average. Despite the heat and drought, our vines were well prepared for the stress. Due to low rainfall in 2020, the vines prepared themselves for drought by producing less leaves, which requires less water. The heat and drought produced exceptionally low yields but with excellent quality – great acid and freshness in white wines, and beautiful concentration and color in the reds.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol..... 14.5% by volume  
Fermentation... two weeks of skin  
                            contact; indigenous  
                            fermentation in  
                            stainless steel  
Harvest date.... Sept. 24 - Oct. 2, 2020  
Sugar..... 24.2° Brix (average)  
Bottling date.... March 2022  
Release date.... January 2024  
Total acid ..... 5.8 g/L  
pH ..... 3.8  
Time in oak ..... 18 months  
Type of oak ..... 100% French oak  
Production ..... 468 cases (12/750 ml.)  
Blend..... 91% Zinfandel  
                    9% Petite Sirah

**VINEYARD:** Miljenko “Mike” Grgich’s home in Calistoga overlooks our small vineyard where the few rows of ancient Zinfandel vines that produce this wine were planted more than 100 years ago on St. George rootstock. Its northeast exposure catches plenty of morning light but is shaded from the hot, late afternoon sun while the vineyard’s gravelly loam soil allows the extensive roots to reach deep. All our vineyards are certified regenerative organic, ensuring that all of our grapes are of the highest quality, and that we are responsible stewards of our environment.

**THE WINE:** Our *Miljenko's Old Vine Zinfandel* opens with aromas of sweet black cherry, rose hip, and plum, accompanied by subtle undertones of myrrh and honeycomb. The texture is soft and embracing, featuring dense, satiny tannins. The flavors start with and a profusion of red fruit, including blackberry, cherry, and currants, followed by red pepper and rosemary, contributing to the intricate and complex flavor profile. As the wine progresses, it becomes rich and flavorful, characterized by a juicy acidity that extends into a long, lingering finish.

## REVIEWS

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