



Luna Vineyards Asylum Zinfandel 2014

COUNTRY

United States

REGION

Napa Valley

PRODUCER

Luna Vineyards

ABV

14.6

GRAPE VARIETY

Zinfandel

TASTING NOTE

The 2014 Asylum Zinfandel exudes big vibrant tones of farm-fresh raspberries with an undertone of vanilla and cedar. Bright red fruits continue on the palate showcasing the Lodi region. Strong notes of bramble fruit, black tea and brown spices give this wine an elegant, yet powerful finish. Firm, smooth tannins with lush acidity integrate a lengthy finish.

PRODUCER INFORMATION

Shawna Miller, head winemaker, graduated from Virginia Tech with a forestry degree, and worked for several management agencies and university research facilities across the U.S, but oenology courses greatly intrigued her. Achieving another level of education, she received a UC Extension Winemaking Certificate from Davis, California. She exchanged trees for vines and groundwater samples for barrel samples. Shawna joined Luna Vineyards after working for several high profile wineries throughout the Napa Valley, New Zealand, and Australia such as Beaulieu Vineyards, Cape Mentelle, and Rombauer Vineyards. During this time, she learned from many accomplished winemakers including Tom Peterson, Philippe Melka, Julian Fayard, Rob Lloyd, and Rob Mann. From these world-renowned brands came a woman who isn't afraid of some dirt under her nails or the long, harvest days in the cellar.

The farming methods applied sustain the rich and bio-diverse ecosystem of the Estate. The team of wine makers maintain their passion and respect for the land, tilling the soil as little as possible and restricting the use of chemicals and fertilizers. They use the techniques of hand-picking and sorting, and this is complimented by the proven practice of native yeast fermentation and extended maceration. It is these tried and tested methods which combine to yield exceptional results. These vineyards lie on The Silverado Trail at the beginning of the Napa Valley, some of the best vineyard land in the area.

The Lodi appellation is best known for its unique style of Zinfandel. Lodi's micro climate of warm days and cool nights is a direct product of the region's proximity to the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. Similar to a Mediterranean climate, it provides a perfect setting for growing concentrated and lush grape clusters.

