

BIRICHINO



2019 MR. NATURAL ENZ VINEYARD OLD VINE MOURVEDRE

Mr. Natural is the name we have given our new series of zero/zero wines. Our second bottling under this label hails from a century-old planting of Mourvedre from the remote Lime Kiln Valley. The appellation boasts only two vineyards, both farmed by the Enz family, and sits in the midst of a 19th Century limestone and granite quarry blessed with amazing limestone, granite, and dolomite soils that helped rebuild San Francisco after the 1906 quake.

While our approach has always favored minimal intervention to allow the site to shine through, it's a rare vineyard that boasts the perfect confluence of factors that allow us to produce a vivid, expressive, and consistently delicious wine without any additives *whatsoever*. Enz is such a place: farmed organically, without irrigation, at 1000' elevation. Nothing is added, and nothing taken away. We racked once, and bottled in July of 2020 without filtration or addition of any sulfur (or anything else.) Pure, fragrant, natural, and beautiful, with telltale aromas of watermelon and wet river stones that emerge with aeration.

Several years ago, when the idea was in gestation, Alex wrote Robert Crumb in France, and received his blessing to use his original underground comix art from the Village Voice in the 1970s for the label. We are very excited to let it loose in the world. Peace out! - Alex & John

Harvest: Oct 17 & 23, 2019
Composition: 100% Mourvèdre
Appellation: Lime Kiln Valley
Alc: 12.5% **TA:** 6.6 g/L **pH:** 3.61
Production: 199cs of 6x750ml

