

TURLEY

2016 Turley “Duarte,” Zinfandel, Contra Costa County

This wine is an homage to Joe Duarte, a prominent grape grower in Contra Costa who first introduced Turley to the incredible vineyards of the area. The wine is comprised of fruit from the turn-of-the-century Evangehlo, Mori and Salvador vineyards, planted between 1890 and 1930, as well as the Del Barba vineyard, planted in the 1960s. As a result of the sandy soils and impressive age of the vines, the wine has some of the softest, silkiest tannins we’ve ever seen in a Zinfandel.

Perhaps the heartiest, richest Duarte to date; if you’ve never tried this stellar wine before, now’s your chance. Smoked dark fruits, purple flowers and cracked black pepper on the nose lend the wine an air of old-world elegance, reminiscent of the “roasted slopes” of Côte-Rôtie in the northern Rhône. The palate veers more towards blue & black fruits with the distinctively racy acidity and silky tannins that can only come from these ancient, sandy soils. Can drink now or hold based on your personal preference.



Evangehlo Vineyard, planted in the 1910s, Contra Costa County