



WHERE
CALIFORNIA

WHAT
RED

WHEN
IF ZEUS IS YOUR LOVER

ORACLE CELLARS CALLISTO ZINFANDEL

When it looks like the end and you get sent into the stars.

WINEMAKER Hoss Milone

REGION Mendocino, California

GRAPE VARIETY Zinfandel

SOIL Clay and Volcanic rock

AGE OF VINES Planted in the 1990's

PRODUCTION 800 cases



CONCEPTUAL DOPPELGÄNGER

Oh Timothy... you were an interesting fellow. You tried to tame the wild and paid the ultimate price. We humans often have a fatal flaw, always seeking to do that which seems impossible. For Timothy Treadwell aka "Grizzly Man" he thought he could make friends with wild bears. That striving to reign in forces of nature which feel beyond our control, often leads to tragedy,

but occasionally it can result in triumph. Like Nikola Tesla harnessing nature's energy and taming electricity, or reigning in the wild nature of California's Zinfandel grape variety, which so often gets out of control in the hands of a lesser winemaker. Timothy eventually became a meal for a bear... but we still celebrate his spirit. Failure often teaches us more than success ever can. Also in mythology, Callisto got turned into a bear... so you know thinkin' about bears and stuff.

VITI/VINI

Estate grown fruit from Bliss Ranch & Feliz Ranch in Mendocino California. The fruit is carefully harvested early in the morning, then partially destemmed and allowed to soak for 72 hours. Fermentation takes place in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks. Pressed to tank and allowed to settle. The wine is then racked off into a mix of French & American oak (35% new) and aged for 18 months. The result is a perfect expression of Mendocino's distinct character of concentrated fruit and complex layers.

PRODUCER

Oracle Cellars is a collaboration between Communal and a family winery with a long history and deep roots in California. After immigrating from Italy and spending many years farming in Sonoma County, they were able to purchase a plot of land in Mendocino. It was there in 1943, that they planted their first vineyard. The estate has now grown to 400 acres of excellent sites in southern Mendocino County and is still run by the same family with the help of winemaker Hoss Milone, who also

has deep roots in Mendocino. He is a 4th generation winemaker and it was later discovered his grandfather actually tilled the land for that original 1943 vineyard. That is a collaboration born out of fate. This, in addition to the family's passion and skill for making incredible wines in Mendocino, made them the perfect partner for Oracle Cellars. The family's Italian roots conjured up images of the land where Ovid wrote his magnum opus "Metamorphoses" in which the Oracle of Apollo gives the order to seek "your ancestral lands." Fate...

