



## Rail 2 Rail Essentials

### Owner/Operator Eric Laumann

Eric graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1984. Over the last 30 years has made wine at Zaca Mesa, Hacienda, Edna Valley, Kendall Jackson and Bonny Doon. When not toiling in the vineyards or cellar he can be found on a surfboard near his house at La Selva Beach in Santa Cruz, CA.

### Why Old Vine Zinfandel?

According to Eric, "Winemakers want to make wines for their friends and I have found at post-surf barbeques most surfers gravitate towards Zinfandel. Great Zin needs to hold its own through talk of drops and airs, haoles and groms, and unidentified fins. What attracts the watermen and waterwomen to the variety is the forward fruit and spice and the welcomed hit of warming alcohol after a day in the cold Pacific. Or it could be that Zinfandel is reasonably priced and totally unpretentious."

### Wines

Old-Vine Lodi Zinfandel

### Highlights

- Owner/Operator: Eric Laumann
- Year Founded: 2010
- Annual Production: 2,000 cases
- Old Vines (40-50 years)
- Dry farmed
- Top vineyards northwest of town of Lodi

### The Name

Surfing rail to rail is a technique that maximizes your speed on a wave, enabling the surfer to unleash cutbacks and aerials, sprays and vertical snaps.

### What the Hell Does It Taste Like?

Rail 2 Rail is your prototypical old-vine Lodi Zin! That means dark, deep, dense, jammy and spicy. The wine is incredibly rich and opulent with blackberries, blueberries and loganberries in the nose and on the palate. It is fast and easy.

### Recent Acclaim

2014 Rail 2 Rail Zinfandel, Lodi **91 POINTS / GOLD MEDAL** *San Francisco International Wine Competition*

2014 Rail 2 Rail Zinfandel, Lodi **GOLD MEDAL** *Orange County Wine Competition*

2014 Rail 2 Rail Zinfandel, Lodi **SILVER MEDAL** *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*