

TURLEY

2016 Turley "Fredericks Vineyard," Zinfandel, Sonoma Valley

Hailing from 1937, these certified organic vines are some of the most unique we've ever seen. Just a mile and a half from the Napa border on the Sonoma side of the Mayacamas, the vines are planted along steep, contoured terraces. Finding old vineyards is rare enough, but ancient hillside head-trained vines located 900 feet up? Downright extraordinary.

Officially in the newest cool-kid AVA of Moon Mountain, the Fredericks Vineyard is a genuine rarity: old vine concentration and complexity coupled with mountainside structure and tannin. The nose is so distinctive, so classically Fredericks, that even a novice could pick it out of the lineup: cool ripe blueberry, high tones, and tartly sweet berry pie with a dusting of spiced herbs. The palate is where the old high-elevation vines really shine, showing off excellent structure, pleasingly substantial tannin, and a long finish. We recommend giving this wine some time in the bottle (if you can!) and decanting before enjoying.



Fredericks vines in the coastal fog