

TURLEY

2016 Turley “Judge Bell,” Zinfandel, Amador County

As our new winery is located on Bell Road, we named this wine for the eponymous (and notorious) “hanging” Judge Bell, who presided over the nearby town of Plymouth during its Gold Rush heyday. Harking from own-rooted vines planted in 1907, the wine shows quintessential Amador granitic tannins & briary fruits.

Drinking Judge Bell is the closest we’ll ever get to time travel. These 111-year-old vines are deeply rooted in the organically-farmed granite soil, and the wine they produce is distinctively Amador in its pure luminous red color and red-fruited aromatics. The texture further tells the story of the Sierra Foothills, once the epicenter of California’s Gold Rush, with its highly-polished, fine-grained mountain tannins. Drinking exceptionally well now, but will age if you have the patience.



Old vines in Plymouth, Amador County