



Michele Ramirez  
*Stinson Beach*  
Oil on Panel  
16" x 16"  
\$800.00

I grew up surrounded by the natural color fields of California's San Joaquin Valley. Crop rotations regularly presented different forms and textures, and each season brought new colors in sections and rows. These geometric structures and planes that formed the wide-open landscape of my youth have always played strongly in my imagination and in my compositions.

In my work, I pay homage to the Bay Area painters, Richard Diebenkorn and Paul Wonner. Like the highways and roads slicing through the California landscape, they divided and ordered space into elemental forms of drawing and painting. These lines and structures bear the weight of the composition. Color ties them to emotion. In my paintings, elements of abstraction and formal structure are incorporated to lend ambiguity to the implied narrative of each piece. The story is left to the viewer.