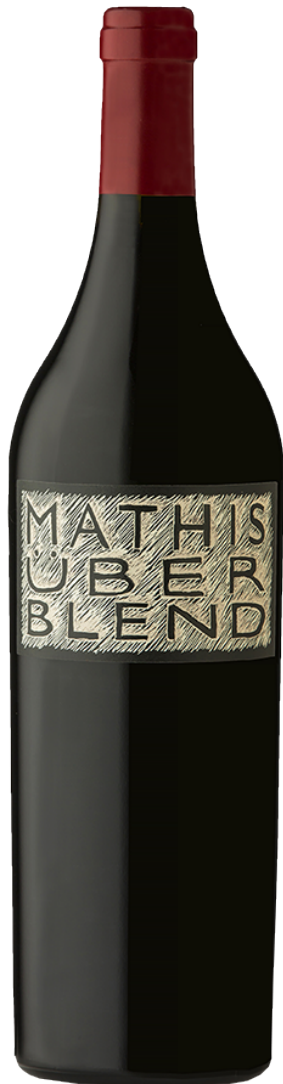




2019 ÜBERBLEND

Estate Grown Proprietary Blend



ABOUT MATHIS WINE

Peter Mathis established Mathis Wine after working for over 20 years as Winemaker/GM at Ravenswood. This project, devoted to making small lots of handmade wines, is anchored by the 7-acre Mathis Vineyard in the hills above the town of Sonoma. Grenache Noir, Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet and Carignane are the four varietals planted.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Überblend is a playful mélange of the four grapes I grow, with a very serious and substantial outcome. The wine is inky black and firmly textured, concentrated—brooding even. The first impression is of complex pine, bramble and violet aromas, followed by an exotic whiff of tidal pool brine. In the mouth, it pops with tangy blackberry juice and sweet dark plums with a kiss of tar. Texture is full-throated, with racy acidity and grip. But at the same time, its inner sweet silkiness pulls it together into a very approachable and welcoming whole with an excellent lingering finish. I think this is my favorite of the Überblends I've made to date. Enjoy it today, or anytime in the next 20 years.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Copious Spring rains led to healthy growth and near perfect vine balance, with good yields in 2019. Sonoma Valley enjoyed very moderate weather through the ripening season, with very few really hot days, allowing for extended maturation.

The Petite Sirah, Carignane, Grenache and Alicante Bouschet, were picked together at optimum ripeness on October 2nd, then co-fermented in a small, two-ton tank using the native yeasts of the vineyard. About one-third of the grapes were left whole cluster (meaning uncrushed and with their stems intact).

Fermentation completed to dryness on the 11th day, and the lot was pressed off on the 13th day. The wine was aged in 60-gallon, neutral French oak barrels for 28 months prior to bottling, with only one racking, and minimal manipulation.

The 2019 Überblend is drinking beautifully at release. The tannin contributed by the Petite Sirah, and the bright acidity of the Carignane, ensure it will continue to evolve and gain complexity well into future decades.

APPELLATION Sonoma Valley
VINEYARD Mathis Estate Vineyard
COMPOSITION 44% Petite Sirah
33% Grenache
13% Carignane
10% Alicante Bouschet
ALCOHOL 14.9%
pH 3.6
TA 5.9 grams per liter
PRODUCTION 100 cases