

RELEASED SPRING/SUMMER 2023

POST FLIRTATION RED 2022

62% Zinfandel, 34% Carignan, 3% Pinot noir, 1%
Petite Sirah
California · 3,623 Cases



TASTING NOTE

This concentrated kitchen chameleon carries our banner for California crowd-pleasers. Year after year, excellent sourcing and careful blending yield a heart-warming wine that's at home in a bustling hearth. This vintage heralds radiant aromas of yeasty chocolate and a hint of rose.

VINEYARD

Zinfandel from Del Barba Vineyard, Oakley, Contra Costa County; dry-farmed (non-irrigated) vineyard; pure sandy soils (like walking on a beach).

Carignan and Zinfandel from Ricetti Vineyard, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County; planted in 1948; dry-farmed (non-irrigated), certified organic vineyard; gravelly loam soils.

Pinot noir from Hawkeye Ranch, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County; dry-farmed (non-irrigated), certified organic vineyard; gravelly loam soils.

Petite Sirah from Bricarelli Ranch, Ukiah, Mendocino County; 15-year-old head-trained, dry-farmed (non-irrigated) vineyard, farmed by us according to organic principles (no pesticides, herbicides, or synthetic fertilizers); gravelly loam soils.

VINIFICATION

Zinfandel (95% destemmed, 5% whole-cluster), Carignan, Pinot noir, and Petite Sirah (100% whole-cluster); each fermented separately and aged in both stainless steel and neutral oak barrique for 6 months. Unfined. Lightly filtered before blending and bottling. Sediment expected

MARTHA'S NOTE

This wine is so joyous, and to me, distinctly Californian. I never knew how much I loved Zinfandel until I started working as Chris Brockway's (Broc Cellars) Assistant Winemaker. When picked before the grape berries begin to shrivel, you get amazing hibiscus, rhubarb, pomegranate, and baking spices from Zin. Like an avocado, the window is small between unripe and overripe for Zin, and I watch our Zinfandel vineyards closely. Carignan, Zin's less celebrated companion, provides a savory component reminiscent of driving through California chaparral, and, like Ricetti's, can be incredibly complex with 70 years of vine age. I'm not re-inventing the wheel with this classic old vine Zin/Carignan blend, just lightening things up a bit.

AT BOTTLING

(February 2023): 12.5% alc/vol · Free SO₂ 6 mg/L,
Total SO₂ 19 mg/L

Martha Stoumen



All of our wines are fermented with native yeast and bacteria, are vegan, and have no additions beyond minimal effective sulfites for some wines, as listed.