



2012 POINT BREAK NORTH COAST RED BLEND

A Point Break (as distinct from a Beach Break) offers surfers a unique experience because it focuses the energy of prevailing swells (often from a few directions) into a single wave with a predictable and powerful path. Similarly, this wine blends influences from a few red varieties and seamlessly integrates them into an expression of aromas and flavors that reflect the climate of Northern California.

This wine is all about individuality and freedom. It was born from an appreciation of layered complexity and a passion for excellence while "drawing outside the lines"- ignoring traditional blends in favor of what simply tastes good. Point Break brings together different influences to a focal point. Cabernet Sauvignon from the Chalk Hill area provides a solid backbone of lengthy tannins and Black Currant notes. Merlot and Malbec round the Cabernet and enrobe the blend in a velvety gown. Syrah brings in Blackberry, Cola and leathery and spicy notes to the finish.

This wine was born as an experiment a few years back and has slowly evolved, taking on the role of a solid member of the family who is never flashy yet always delivers. No wonder it is one of our best sellers. While differences in flavors and aromas between vintages are to be expected, the theme remains the same, a reflection of a season across the dominant red varieties of the region.

Harvest:September 24 - October 27th 2012

Ageing:15 Months in small French Oak Barrels

Composition:

Cabernet Sauvignon - 39%

Malbec - 26% Merlot - 23% Svrah - 12%

Bottled: February 2014, 1250 Cases