



2018 POINT BREAK

PROPRIETARY RED WINE BLEND SONOMA COUNTY

This wine is what we like to call a "Regional Blend" - reflecting the combined bounty and complexity of a few Northern California AVA's. A Point Break (as distinct from a Beach Break) offers surfers a unique experience because it focuses the energy of prevailing ocean swells 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 aims at delivering a predictable experience, time after time.

This wine is all about individuality and creativity. It was born from an appreciation the freedom we have in crafting wines in California without regional restrictions on varieties (as they have in Europe). We like to "draw outside the lines"- and simply bottle what 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 from both Alexander Valley and Russian River Valley round the Cabernet and enrobe the blend in a velvety gown. Syrah from cool sites in the Russian River Valley brings blackberry, cola, leathery and spicy notes to the finish and a bit of old-vine Carignan from Mendocino adds a cherry and vanilla note.

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 too flashy yet always delivers. This wine has a lush entry with a mediumfull body and a very lenghty finish with just enough acidity to make it a great pairing for locally-sourced food.

Cheers.

Composition:

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32% Syrah, 25% Malbec 22% Merlot 12% Cab. Sauvignon 9% Carignan Appellation: 91% Sonoma County 9% Mendocino County Analysis: Alcohol 14.5 % TA 6.51 g/L pH 3.75

Production 869 Cases