

# POINT BREAK / RED BLEND SONOMA COUNTY / TWENTY 22

## WINE STORY

his 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.

## WINEMAKING

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; Syrah from cool sites in the Russian River Valley brings blackberry, cola, leathery and spicy notes to the finish and a solid backbone of lengthy tannins and black currant notes. Merlot and Malbec from both Alexander Valley and Russian River Valley round and enrobe the blend in a velvety gown and a bit of Grenache from Sonoma adds a cherry and vanilla note.

## **ENJOYMENT**

This wine was born as an experiment in 2006 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 medium-full body and a very lenghty finish with just enough acidity to make it a great pairing for locally-sourced food.

#### **DETAILS**

Varietal Composition: 49% Syrah, 38% Merlot, 7% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Grenache AVA: Sonoma County pH: 3.83 TA: 6.1 g/L Alcohol: 14.5%

