



RUSSIAN RIVER VINEYARDS

2017 Red Blend, Confluence



Description

The 2017 Confluence Red Blend is made up of 72% Merlot, 7% Zinfandel, 7% Petite Sirah, 7% Cabernet, and 7% Barbera. On the nose, you can smell the different varietals all come through. The Merlot shines through, as does the richness of the Petite Sirah. The Cabernet Sauvignon adds notes of French Oak. On the palate, the acid is bright due to the Barbera. There are also hints of vanilla shining through from the french oak barrels as well as hints of tobacco flavors. You can taste the deep, dark richness from the Petite Sirah and the blackberry jamminess from the Zinfandel. The Confluence brings the best from all of the wines used and delivers a unique and satisfying blend.

Appellation

Russian River Valley

Farming technique & maintenance

Cordon cane pruned

Fermentation details

Fermentation started in open top fermenters then transferred to French and American oak barrels to finish secondary fermentation.

Cooperage

Tonnellerie Sirgue, Nuits Saint Georges - Bourgogne - France, Bel Air, Mercury, Radoux

Aging Process

22 Months

Harvest Date:	October 2017
Cold soak:	3-5 Days
Oak program:	30%
New oak %:	French & American
Secondary fermentation:	Yes
Bottling date:	7/1/19
Case production:	300