
SWEET RED BLEND

Wine

Our Sweet Red Blend is like an irresistible chihuahua-maltese-pug mix. By combining several super friendly varietals (Zinfandel, Merlot and Syrah) and leaving a touch of sweetness, the wine is fun, playful and undeniably likeable. Immediately, it greets you with big, affable fruit, loaded with blueberry jam, ripe raspberries and hints of chocolate that weave through the aromas. The palate maintains a lovely balance of juicy flavors, holding its structure and length through a long, satisfying finish. We like to serve this wine slightly chilled, paired with laughter and loyal friends (dogs, as well as others).

Vineyard

To get the soft, ripe fruit flavors for this wine, we sourced our grapes from multiple vineyards throughout California, each site selected for its affinity to the individual varietals. With warm summer days and reliable cool breezes from the Pacific Ocean, California has the ideal climate for growing intensely flavored grapes. The wide swing in temperatures allows the fruit to develop ripe sugars during the day and rest at night, resulting in a longer growing season and complex fruit character.

Winemaking

For our Sweet Red Wine, we selected varietals that have big, plush texture and ripe fruit flavors, including Zinfandel, Merlot and Syrah. For a portion of the wine, we arrested fermentation to maintain some of the natural sweetness inherent in the grapes. To give a full-bodied chocolate and vanilla imprint on the fruit, we used medium-plus and heavy-toasted American oak, which balanced the juiciness with structure and sweet oak spices.

Winemaker

It's true what they say about the similarities between an owner and his dog. In this case, Duke is a perfect reflection of Winemaker Marty Spate's bigger-than-life personality. Marty, who grew up with dogs, has always had a soft spot for the friendly, easy-going and dependable Great Danes. And, when you meet Marty, you can tell he picked up a few characteristics from his dogs as well.

For the past 16 years, Marty has been making wines, including several collaborative projects that take him around the world. For him, Chateau La Paws is a homage to that journey – that ultimately takes us back home to the comfort of our loyal dogs.



Key Facts

- Combining several varietals, our Red Blend offers layers of dark fruits and spices.
- We sourced grapes from multiple vineyards in California, selecting fruit from regions best suited to that varietal.
- For a soft, fruit-driven profile, we used Zinfandel, Merlot and Syrah for the base of our blend.
- Proceeds from our wines support no-kill shelters.

Wine Data

Vintage: NV

Varietal Composition:
Zinfandel, Merlot, Syrah

Oak Aging:
7 months (60% of the blend)
40% French oak
60% American oak
100% New oak

Appellation: California

Alcohol: 13.0%

Acidity: 7.0 g/L

pH: 3.31

RS: 4.0%

Ageability: 2015 to 2016