

TEN MILE

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PROPRIETARY RED WINE

History:

Between 1841 and 1869 thousands of pioneers made their way west to California seeking a better life. For many, the transformation of values, the entertaining of new ideas and possibilities began on this journey. And so they set out, often by foot averaging ten miles a day, with the promise of a fresh start in a wide-open land, the opportunity to escape the oppression of overcrowded cities, the lure of undiscovered riches and the conceit of a Manifest Destiny. For legions of Americans in the mid-19th century, the call of the West could not be ignored. And so they came --saints and sinners, dreamers and schemers-- to claim their place in the ever-expanding American landscape. But as gold fever subsided, the open road to vast riches began to show some cracks. Many newcomers turned from digging gold to pursuing a more enduring wealth born from the earth, the liquid gold that was California wine.

They planted Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Carignane and Barbera - grapes that display great ripeness and intensity. The grapes were often planted together in small patches and co-fermented into what was referred to as a field blend. These grapes complimented one another favorably and the wines showed great character with a big and bold, highly extracted style. It is these people and their wines that inspired us some 140 years later to pay tribute to those that chose their path to follow a dream along - The Broken Road.

Vintage:

Harvest Dates: October 4th - 22nd, 2006

Blend: 46% Petite Sirah, 44% Zinfandel, 7% Barbera, 3% Carignane

Grapes: Average Brix: 27.1

Fermentation: Stainless Steel Tanks

Aging: 20% new & 80% older French & American Oak

Time in Barrel: 14 months

Alcohol%: 14.1%

Residual Sugar: 0.088%

Total Acid: 0.59g/100ml

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Winemaker Notes:

Our inspiration for this wine was based upon the classic field blends of California from the late 1800's. Sourced from several dry farmed, old vine vineyards, "The Broken Road" is a blend of Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Barbera and Carignane. This expressive red shows alluring white pepper, black fruits and cedar notes on the nose, while plenty of black cherry and blackberry fruit dominate the creamy palate, with fine balance and soft gentle tannins that integrate well on the finish. Easy drinking on its own but has solid structure to pair with a wide array of foods.

“This works like a dream; whatever Ten Mile’s doing, it ought to put out an instructional video on how to make a winning red blend. Magnificently mellow. Worth a search!”

Jurgen Goth. Wine Writer