

Winter's Edge Red Blend

BACKGROUND

Located in the rugged terrain of northern California, near the banks of the Upper Russian River and the foothills of the Mayacamas, Saracina Vineyards encompasses a 400-acre working ranch and California Certified Sustainable winery. Amidst breathtaking vistas and rolling hills, this biodiverse estate boasts a grove of 140-year-old olive trees, vegetable gardens, beehives, alpacas, goats, and a variety of native wildlife. Family lies at the core of the estate—a principle upheld since its establishment in 2001. Since 2018, the Taub family has proudly stewarded the land, forging an even stronger foundation for excellence through extensive soil analysis and pioneering a full organic conversion and water conservation system. With Saracina Vineyards, the Taub family is committed to bringing Mendocino to the forefront of quality winemaking, showcasing the unique terroir and dedication to sustainability that define their approach.

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Two vineyards make up the blend in the 2019 Winter's Edge. Casa Verde is planted to a field blend of head pruned and dry farmed 80-year-old Carignane and Grenache vines. The soil is Pinole series. The second, just a stone's throw away, is venerable Niemi, the Grenache block planted to Alban clone 1. The soil here is Redvine series. The harvest of 2019 was a winemaker's dream, with adequate rains and a long, even growing season.

WINEMAKING & AGING

The vineyards were picked on October 18. The grapes were harvested by hand, 85% de-stemmed and gently crushed into an open top tank, the remaining 15% in as whole clusters. Native yeast fermentation began seven days later. At dryness, free-run juice was drained directly into neutral Burgundian barrels. Native malolactic fermentation took a full year to complete. The wine was racked only days prior to bottling. The wine was bottled unfiltered on July 21, 2021.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Winter's Edge is a wine for adventurous spirits and culinary explorers. Blue/black in the glass, it's chock full of old vine character and crunch, with bracing acidity that keeps you coming back for more. .



ORIGIN

Mendocino County, Mendocino, California, United States

GRAPE VARIETIES

50% Grenache, 50% Field Blend (Grenache, Carignane, French Colombard)

SIZES

750ml

TECHNICAL DETAILS

ABV: 14.5%, TA: 7.7, Ph: 3.28, Closure: Cork

WINEMAKER

Alex MacGregor

