



FROG'S LEAP

2023 HERITAGE BLEND

NAPA VALLEY

A BRIEF HISTORY

One of the coolest parts about growing grapes and making wine in California is the presence of “field blends”—wines made from several different varieties growing alongside one another in the same field. These blends are usually unique to a given site, and often consist of grapes that are so obscure as to be nearly extinct in the modern wine world. Each of these wines tell a unique story about the place in which they’re grown, and form a delicious connection to the long history of experimentation and risk-taking that are the essence of making wine in California. Our purchase of the historic Rossi vineyard in 2007 gave our family the opportunity to draw this connection. There were still a handful of historic blocks at Rossi, surrounded by the Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon. We made a concerted effort not only to preserve those blocks, but also to augment them with new plantings of other historic varieties: ultra-rare Charbono with its plummy fruit, Carignane and Petite Sirah with their density and tannin, and Mourvèdre with its spice and length on the palate. The Heritage block sits in front of the iconic water tower at Rossi, and is a living reminder of our link to previous generations of winegrowers, as well as a testament to our belief that the greatest wines in California have always been the result of someone making good on a crazy idea.

ABOUT THE WINE

Crushed to tank, no cold soak, non-inoculated, and co-fermented. Seven-day fermentation on skins, pressed at dryness. Natural Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel.

THE BLEND

38% Charbono
23% Petit Sirah
19% Mourvedre
10% Napa Gamay
8% Carignane
2% Grenache Noir/Riesling

VINEYARDS

77% Rossi, Rutherford
13% Leeds + Pesch, Rutherford
10% Pesch, Rutherford

THE VINES

Dry-farmed and certified 100% organic.

STATISTICS

harvested: September 22
at harvest: 21.6 deg. Brix, 0.55 g/L TA, 3.43 pH
final: 13.2% alc., 0.52 g/L TA, 3.53 pH,
bottled: October 29, 2024
1,320 cases total

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Rory Williams
Pablo Polanco

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds



BALANCE, RESTRAINT AND DEEP RESPECT FOR THE NATURAL EXPRESSION OF THE VINE