

LEVIATHAN

2019 RED WINE

Capturing decades of winemaking experience and vineyard knowledge, renowned winemaker Andy Erickson began Leviathan in 2004 with a single goal: to create a red wine each vintage free from the restraints of appellations and crafted from notable vineyards throughout California.



THE VINTAGE

2019 was another near-perfect vintage in California. Abundant rains refreshed the water table and additional showers in March and April contributed to balanced soil chemistry throughout the vineyards. Low temperatures in late winter led to a late budbreak, and a long, cool spring provided our vines with healthy canopies and an even crop set. A warm and dry summer allowed for slow, balanced cluster growth and flavor development, resulting in wines of wonderful complexity and texture.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Leviathan boasts an intense mix of fresh boysenberry, black cherry and plum, along with cocoa powder, allspice and nutmeg. Earthy elements from our rocky Northern California hillsides include Bay Laurel, sage, cedar, and dry red earth. Supple and balanced tannins of this rich wine lead to a long savory finish with hints of graphite and star anise. It is approachable now and built to cellar.

“Very pure fruit this year with ripe raspberries and fresh currants throughout. Full-to medium-bodied with soft, polished tannins and bright, clean fruit. It’s really balanced and the finish makes you want to drink it. Subtle and vivid fruit at the end.” 95 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING

TECHNICAL DATA

VINEYARDS:

A selection of well-established and unique vineyards (predominately from Mountainside vineyards with volcanic based soils) including:

Obsidian Ridge | Red Hills AVA
Rancho Salina | Moon Mountain AVA
Junes Mountain | Fountain Grove AVA
Faust Vineyard | Coombsville AVA
Wild Diamond | Red Hills AVA

FERMENTATION:

Lots kept separate by vineyard. Primary fermentation averages 14 days on skins followed by malolactic fermentation in barrel. Each lot is pressed and aged separately before creating the final master blend.

COOPERAGES:

A selection of our favorite French coopers including: Le Grand, Radoux, Seguin Moreau & Francois Freres.

AGING:

100% French oak for 16 months; 25% new and 75% two and three -year-old barrels.

VARIETAL BLEND:

54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 12% Syrah, 5% Petite Syrah, 3% Cabernet Franc

FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.9%

