

LEVIATHAN

2020 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

The winter of 2020 was warm and dry, with cool, wet weather starting at the end of March. The warmer winter temperatures set budbreak and the growing season slightly earlier than usual. A cool, mild spring created balanced soil chemistry throughout the vineyards, and allowed canopy growth to flourish. Summer brought temperate mornings and hot days, resulting in wines with alluring vibrancy and complexity.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Leviathan displays powerful aromas of plum, black cherry, cola, and cocoa. Savory spices, white pepper, marjoram, and cardamon derived from our rocky Northern California hillsides expand across the palate. The wine boasts bright and persistent acidity with intense, fine-grained tannins. It is approachable now and built to cellar for over 7 years.

“Lots of black olive, tar and asphalt with black fruit. Medium to full body with firm and linear tannins that run the length of the wine.”

93 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING

TECHNICAL DATA

VINEYARDS:

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

Obsidian Ridge | Red Hills AVA
Rancho Salina | Moon Mountain 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, and Seguin Moreau.

AGING:

100% French oak for 15 months; 25% new and 75% two and three -year-old barrels.

VARIETAL BLEND:

56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 13% Petite Sirah, 7% Syrah, 5% Petite Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc

FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.9%

