

LEVIATHAN

2021 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 2021 was the second consecutive year of significant drought throughout California. Record-setting low rainfall combined with a warm spring triggered unusually early budbreak and vine growth. Throughout the summer, temperatures were mild with very few days above 100°F, smoothing the path toward harvest. The season's reduced canopies and smaller berries focused flavors into an intense expression of a remarkable year.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Leviathan reveals distinct aromas of blackberry bramble, black cherry, and chaparral. Savory spices and star anise meld with mineral, graphite, bay, and laurel reflective of our rocky Northern California terrain. With finely structured tannins, this wine is silky and elegant—yet persistent. It is approachable now and built to cellar for 10-plus years.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINEYARDS:

A selection of notable vineyards, predominantly from mountainside sites with volcanic-based soils, including:

- Obsidian Ridge Vineyard | Red Hills AVA
- Wild Diamond Vineyard | Red Hills AVA
- Rancho Salina Vineyard | Moon Mountain AVA
- Faust Vineyard | Coombsville AVA

VARIETAL BLEND:

63% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Merlot, 10% Petite Sirah, 6% Syrah,
6% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

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.

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.

FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.8%