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## Field Blend

### California 2023

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#### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season in Lodi was one of the longest in over a decade, setting the stage for an exceptional red wine vintage. A wet winter and spring replenished soil moisture, promoting strong vine health from budbreak through bloom. Mild summer temperatures, paired with ample sunshine, allowed for steady, balanced canopy development and slow, even ripening. The relatively cool conditions throughout the season helped preserve acidity while encouraging the gradual maturation of tannins and color in the grape skins. Harvest began around Labor Day and stretched into mid-November, offering extended hang time that resulted in remarkable flavor concentration and complexity. The combination of a long, temperate growing season and ideal harvest conditions has made 2023 a standout vintage.

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The Field Blend was sourced from vineyards across California, with the majority of the fruit coming from Lodi. Here, vines thrive on a mosaic of alluvial fans and river-carved floodplains, contributing to the wine's layered complexity. Lodi's unique position—just inland from the Golden Gate's wind gap—creates a more moderate diurnal temperature range compared to neighboring regions to the north and south. After fermentation to dryness, the wine was gently pressed to preserve vibrant fruit character, then aged for 15 months in a combination of 10% new oak barrels, with the remainder resting in neutral barrels and stainless steel tanks to maintain freshness and balance.

#### WINE PROFILE

This 2023 Field Blend opens with inviting aromas of ripe cherry, warm anise, and a subtle hint of white pepper. On the palate, a vibrant interplay of luscious strawberry and tangy raspberry flavors takes center stage, delivering both brightness and depth. The wine's velvety texture and exceptional balance create a seamless mouthfeel, culminating in a smooth, lingering finish. Bold yet graceful, this blend captures the essence of California every glass.

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: California  
VARIETALS: 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Petite Sirah, 18% Petit Verdot; 15% Merlot  
ALCOHOL: 13.5% by vol.  
PH: 3.65 g/L  
TA: 5.8