

THE F - BOMB



RED BLEND

Hanging out with the winemaker, several years back, we were joking that all the *NEW* red blends that were being released were probably just merlot and zinfandel re-labeled as red blends. HA! Always wanting to do things a little different, we came up with our own tasty red blend on the spot. Thumbing our nose a bit at the status quo our first Bomb red blend was made up of Grenache, Tannat and Lagrein. The next bottling was a blend of Grenache and Barbera. And so on and so forth. We change the blend every year but we always try to use a core of Grenache. The goal remains of making a fun blend that is interesting and tastes incredible without the traditional limitations or simply rebranding a varietal that has seen better days. Keep it fun!

Vintner's Note: Juicy aromas of strawberry hard candy and red plum jump out of the glass, with a light framing of toasty vanilla oak. The lush mouth is soft and inviting, with layers of ripe blue and red berries, with a balance of "sweet" mission fig.

Pairings: Enjoy this crowd pleaser with BBQ'd pork tenderloin, beef or chicken tacos or on its own.

Technical information

- Vintage: 2020
- Appellation: California
- Variety: Grenache, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon
- Aging: 6 months in used American & French oak
- Alcohol: 13.9%
- TA: 4.7
- pH: 3.9
- RS: .53



Lodi Appellation: Lodi has a Mediterranean climate with warm days and cool nights. The soil, unlike many other appellations, varies within the AVA, though in most places it is a deep loam that often littered with rocks, like the French region of Chateauneuf du Pape. The vineyards we source our grapes also benefit from the region's "delta breeze" that kicks up every afternoon and has a cooling effect.

Mokelumne River Appellation: The AVA is named after the Mokelumne River, which drains out of the Sierra Nevada Mountains into the San Joaquin River and passes through the heart of the appellation. The wine region includes a portion of the lower Mokelumne River and the Cosumnes River, a tributary. The soil in the area is alluvial fan deposits of sand and Loam. Ample rainfall and soil moisture retention allow most grape growers to farm without the use of irrigation.

