

LEVIATHAN

2022 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

Considerable rain late in 2021 was a welcome gift to the 2022 vintage. Spring began cool and dry, with temperatures increasing in April, leading to an early budbreak. A late spike in summer heat and small berry size prompted a fast and furious harvest period. Our high elevation vineyard locations were partially protected from the hot weather, allowing the fruit to attain full phenolic maturity. The resulting wines are complex and textural, exhibiting intensity and power.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Leviathan is marked by alluring aromas of sweet cigar wrapper, luxardo cherry, and plum. Currants, baking spices, and black tea contribute to a palette that is both earthy and savory, shaped by our rocky Northern California terrain. The fine, chalky tannins are structured and elegant. It is approachable now and built to cellar for a decade or more.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINEYARDS:

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

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

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petite Sirah, 6% Merlot, 3% Syrah, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.8%