

Le Mistral

2019 Joseph's Blend

The name, Le Mistral, comes from the name for the winds of the Rhône Valley in France, where blustery afternoons cool vineyards quickly and produce similar flavors in their native varieties like Syrah and Grenache. We are proud to farm the Le Mistral Vineyard in a sustainable way. This combines the best management practices from other farming systems, like organic and biodynamic, to positively impact the bottom line, environment, and society.

2016 Vintage
94 Points
Beverage Tasting Inst.

2017 Vintage
91 Points
CA State Comp.

2018 Vintage
93 Points
Wine Enthusiast

2019 Vintage
91 Points
Wine Enthusiast

Appellation: Monterey County AVA

Composition: 49% Grenache, 38% Syrah, 13% Mourvedre
90% Destemmed Fruit, 10% Whole Cluster

Aging: French Oak for 18 Months
15% New

Production: 2500 cases

Alc. by Vol.: 13.5%

Best to Drink: Now through 2035

Grapes for this vintage of Joseph's Blend were hand-harvested from 5 different vineyards, four of which were from our estate vineyards. Each lot fermented in small batches and was gently pressed and racked to French oak barrels to age. After 6 months, all lots were tasted and a final blend was created. The wine spent another year in barrel before being bottled in Aug, 2021. In this year's blend, Grenache came from Ventana and Mission Ranch Vineyards, Syrah from Cedar Lane Vineyard and Tondre Grapefield, and Mourvedre from Sandy Lane Vineyard (Contra Costa County).

This cuvée of Rhone red varieties is our flagship wine, paying tribute to our history while celebrating our Monterey terroir. The light, playful flavors of mineral and bright, red fruit dance on big, earthy spice notes. This is a wine of substance that harmonizes to the point of signing in the glass. Plum, cherry, wet granite, worn leather, vanilla, cherry cola, red apple, fresh fig, cloves, red pepper, and sage. The palate is loaded with a bright and fresh currant with nuance of tea leaves, buckeye, and baking spice.

Produced and bottled by Folktale Winery & Vineyards, Carmel, California

