

Le Mistral

2020 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 varietals 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 <i>Beverage Tastign Inst.</i>	2017 Vintage 91 Points <i>CA State Comp.</i>	2018 Vintage 93 Points <i>Wine Enthusiast</i>	2019 Vintage 91 Points <i>Wine Enthusiast</i>	2020 Vintage not yet rated
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Appellation:	Arroyo Seco AVA, Monterey County
Composition:	53% Grenache, 47% Syrah 30% Whole Cluster Fermentation
Aging:	12 months in French Oak, 25% new Blended and aged an 12 more months in neutral French barrels 6 months bottle age before release
Production:	2500 cases
Alc. by Vol.:	13.56%
Best enjoyed now through 2033	

Grapes for the 2020 vintage of Joseph's Blend were hand-harvested from our estate vineyard in Arroyo Seco AVA in Monterey County. After three years since we began replanting, we are excited to present our flagship wine's return to single vineyard designation. We are also proud to have received S.I.P. certification (Sustainability In Practice®), a key reflection of our dedication to organic farming and natural winemaking. Fermented in small lots and gently pressed and racked to French oak barrels to age. After 12 months, we taste each lot to finalize our blend and return to barrel for another year before bottling in August of 2022. We allow for 6 months time in the bottle to integrate the wine before we release.

This cuvée of Rhone red varietals is our flagship wine, paying homage to our history while celebrating the unique beauty of Monterey terroir. The Syrah grounds the wine with earth, black pepper, and bold, dark fruit flavors of blackberry and plum. The Grenache is lively and bright with red berries, great acidity, and mineral. The palate is loaded with complexity - cherry cola, red apple, fresh figs, cloves, sage, currants, baking spice, leather, granite, and the magical taste of the Pacific. This is a wine that never disappoints.

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

