



# *POST FLIRTATION RED 2021*

Varietal: 55% Zinfandel, 34% Pinot noir, 8% Carignan, 3% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 12.5%

**Vinification:** Zinfandel (100% destemmed), Pinot noir, Carignan and Petite Sirah (100% whole-cluster, stems intact); fermented separately and aged in both stainless steel and neutral oak barrique for 6 months. Unfined. Pinot noir was lightly filtered, Zinfandel, Carignan and Petite Sirah remained unfiltered before blending and bottling. Sediment expected.

**Vineyard:** Zinfandel from Del Barba Vineyard, Oakley, Contra Costa County; dry-farmed (non-irrigated) vineyard; pure sandy soils (like walking on a beach). Pinot noir from Dicesare Vineyard, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County; dry-farmed (non-irrigated), certified organic vineyard; gravelly loam soils. Carignan from Ricetti Vineyard, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County; planted in 1948; dry-farmed (non-irrigated), certified organic vineyard; gravelly loam soils. Petite Sirah from Bricarelli Ranch, Ukiah, Mendocino County; 15-year-old head trained, dry-farmed (non-irrigated) vineyard, farmed by us according to organic principles (no pesticides, herbicides, or synthetic fertilizers); gravelly loam soils.

## *TABLESIDE TALK*

This kitchen chameleon is concentrated like pomegranate juice and juicy like hibiscus agua fresca. Aromas of Himalayan black salt and wild sage radiate forth as this wine warms up with the crowd.

## *MARTHA'S NOTES*

Pinot noir in Post Flirtation? Am I dreaming or is this real?! ;-) In late 2020, a hard frost hit our Carignan (and Colombard) vineyard in Mendocino County, resulting in a 90% reduction in yield for 2021 and almost no fruit available for Post Flirtation. Working with Mother Nature, we've deviated from our typical Post Flirtation Zinfandel-Carignan past and found a new path forward with the help of a familiar friend, grapegrower Pete Johnson. The Pinot noir from Pete's Dicesare Vineyard lies between his family's Redwood Valley pear orchard and Hawkeye Ranch (Chardonnay for our Honeymoon wine) and is right at home in Post Flirtation—a little wild, full of Californian sunshine, and ready to mingle! Alongside the familiar Zinfandel from Del Barba Vineyard, we added a little whole-cluster Petite Sirah for structure along with as much Carignan as we could muster. All grape varieties in this year's Post Flirtation red wine are from dry-farmed (non-irrigated) vineyards.

## *PRODUCTION NOTES*

**Production:** 3,479 cases

**At Bottling (February 2022):** Free SO<sub>2</sub> 8 mg/L, total SO<sub>2</sub> 33 mg/L. All of our wines are fermented with native yeast and bacteria, are vegan (our corks contain beeswax), and have no additions beyond minimal effective sulfites for some wines, as listed.

*Martha Stoumen*