



2009 LUNATIC RED WINE *California*

VINEYARD

This wine is about innovation and discovery. For that reason, we go out of our way to find unusual vineyards and uncommon varieties. The grapes in this blend are Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley and the Red Hills of Lake County, Zinfandel from Sierra Nevada foothills of El Dorado County, Sangiovese from Napa Valley and (last, but not least!) Souzao from Monterey County.

BLEND

Sangiovese 39%

*Cabernet
Sauvignon* 38%

Zinfandel 14%

Souzao 9%

WINEMAKING

Each varietal is treated individually, traditionally fermented and barrel aged. The separate 'elevage' of these varieties allows development of their individuality. It also allows us lots of time to experiment with different blends and careful lot selection. They say that the whole is often greater than the sum of its parts. That's certainly true for this wine. The basic structure of this blend is the backbone of Cabernet Sauvignon. Complementing its tannin with suppleness and juicy red fruit is the combination of Sangiovese and Zinfandel. The Souzao is the secret; it provides deep blueberry fruit and dense, chalky tannins.

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Lunatic Red has great density, richness and complexity, owing to the fact that potent components are blended to magnify their individual contribution. You will taste the cocoa and cassis of barrel aged Cabernet, bright raspberry and pomegranate fruit of Sangiovese, the warm 'Amarone' and peppery spice of Zinfandel and the firm grip of Souzao's tannins. You will taste the unexpected.