



BANSHEE

2013 MORDECAI

California



With the 2013 vintage of Mordecai, we mixed up the program a little bit (again). Instead of roughly even parts Bordeaux and Rhone, we brought Zinfandel from Dry Creek and Russian River Valley AVAs into the blend as an equal partner to those varietals. But the headline grabber of this year's "spice rack" is probably the Petite Sirah from Dry Creek. While not usually our favorite variety on its own, this particular one provides and incredibly deep, dark ballast to the prettier components of the wine. It is like the tuba in the marching band.

The resulting wine is a unique beast. While many red blends try to bowl you over with full throttle richness and power, Mordecai wants to charm you as well. It possesses a blend of both red and black fruit characteristics, espresso roast, licorice and spice. It is big boned but also light on its feet. The 2013 edition is akin to the 2012, bursting with juicy flavors and depth.

And for the record: 27% Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, Sonoma), 24% Syrah (Anderson Valley, Sonoma), 24% Zinfandel (Dry Creek, Russian River), 5% Cabernet Franc (Sonoma), 5% Grenache (Sonoma), 5% Petite Sirah (Dry Creek), 4% Petit Verdot (Napa), 3% Merlot (Alexander Valley), 3% Barbera (Sonoma).