

WILEY WINES

Mendocino Carignan



Winemaker

Phineas Fittipaldi

Wine region

California

Story

Wiley Wines is the vision of enthusiast Phineas Fittipaldi. It all started in a Minneapolis bar, imagining the wines he truly wanted to drink. That dream sparked a journey west to California, where he set out to make wines that break the rules. Wiley Wines is about freedom, curiosity, and chasing what feels right. Every bottle is single-vineyard, single-varietal, and crafted with minimal intervention, a true expression of place, passion, and the thrill of doing things your own way.

Vineyard

This wine comes from the Vincenzo Vineyard, nestled in the Mendocino appellation, known for its cool climate and rolling hills. The soils are a mix of sandy clay and loam, providing excellent drainage and contributing to the wine's balance, minerality, and expressive character.

Vinification

The vineyard is farmed using certified organic practices and is dry farmed. The grapes are vinified whole cluster with spontaneous fermentation and the wine is neither fined nor filtered. It is aged for eight months in neutral French oak, allowing the fruit and terroir to shine.

Tasting Notes

Deep ruby color in the glass. The nose opens with vibrant aromas of red and black fruits, from raspberry to plum. On the palate, these juicy fruit flavors are layered with warm baking spices and subtle hints of licorice. The finish is long and savory, revealing notes of lavender and cured meat.

Food Pairing

This wine is ideal with roasted chicken or grilled lamb, vegetable stew, mushroom-based dishes, or with aged Manchego or Gorgonzola.

QUICK FACTS

Variety

100% Carignan.

Aging

Neutral French Oak.

