



PITAGORA

SONOMA COUNTY ▲ RED WINE BLEND

HISTORY

When Francis Ford Coppola's grandfather, Agostino, was a child growing up in the small town of Bernalda in Southern Italy, he often played among ancient Greek ruins in nearby Metaponto, where thousands of years earlier stood a school run by the legendary Greek scholar Pythagoras — Pitagora, in Italian. Known today for his mathematical theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$), Pythagoras was more than a mathematician; he was a philosopher who sought new ways of understanding the world through mathematics, astronomy, and music theory. Growing up in the footprint of this legend, Agostino developed a talent for mathematics and music, and his Pythagorean curiosity about the nature of how things work went on to influence each generation of Coppolas.

VINTAGE

2012 delivered excellent weather conditions to create an outstanding vintage. Steady, moderate temperatures carried on throughout the summer free of heat spikes or rain at harvest time so that when we picked the fruit, it had great concentration, optimal balance, wonderful spice aromas and complex flavors.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our fruit hails from three sub-appellations of Sonoma: Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley and Knights Valley. Syrah is the backbone of this blend with the remainder comprised of an outstanding selection of Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Petite Sirah. Each varietal adds its own unique characteristics. The Cabernets are what give the blend density and longevity, with Cabernet Franc adding floral notes and spice characteristics, Petit Verdot lending weight and earthy minerals, and Petite Sirah rounding out the blend by adding a meaty, peppery nuance. Selected lots were aged in a combination of French and American oak for 15 months, with the blended wine aged for 12 months. The coffee-mocha-espresso tone is a result of the American oak.

TASTING NOTES

Robust, full-bodied and dripping with dark, ripe fruit, the flavors of briary blackberries, juicy plums, and black currants are enlivened by smoky, toasted oak, earthy notes and fragrant spice nuances. There is a rich entry on the palate and a generous tannin structure that frames the fruit. While this wine has weight and intensity, it also has a light creamy element on the finish, creating good texture for this highly expressive wine.



WINEMAKING ANALYSIS

Appellation: Sonoma County

Blend: 32% Syrah, 18% Petit Verdot, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 14% Petite Sirah and 2% other red varieties

Alcohol: 13.8%

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