

Orin Swift

The Orin Swift Machete is a powerful and complex California red wine that showcases the strength of Petite Sirah , alongside other bold varietals. With its deep intensity and signature dark fruit profile, it delivers a thrilling tasting experience.

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Machete 2020

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **Orin Swift Machete** is sourced from prominent Californian vineyards, each contributing a unique facet to the wine's character. The vineyards that define **Machete's** essence include **Summerwind** in the **Yorkville Highlands**, **Stone's Throw** in **Alexander Valley**, and the prestigious **Monte Rosso** vineyard on **Moon Mountain**. These vineyards provide a diverse terroir that shapes the wine's balance of structure and freshness.

- The **Yorkville Highlands**, with its cooler climate, brings vibrant acidity and fresh fruit notes.
- **Alexander Valley** contributes ripe, generous fruit, offering the plush, rounded flavors that define the wine's palate.
- **Moon Mountain's** volcanic soils add a layer of mineral complexity, lending **Machete** its distinctive backbone and depth.

Winemaking

The **Orin Swift Machete** is built around the bold foundation of **Petite Sirah**, supported by blending with **Syrah** and **Grenache** to add complexity and aromatic intrigue.

The wine is aged for **12 months in French Oak barrels**, with **36% new oak**, which imparts a refined oak character without overpowering the rich fruit profile. This careful aging process ensures that the wine maintains a balance between the intense tannins of Petite Sirah and the delicate influence of oak, offering a smooth, well-integrated palate.

Alcohol :15,20 %

Composition: 45% Syrah, 40% Petite Syrah, 5% Grenache, 5% Malbec

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep, inky purple with nearly black hues, indicative of the concentration from the **Petite Sirah** grape.
- **Aroma**: Bold and aromatic, offering ripe blackberry, blueberry, and plum. There are layers of toasted oak, vanilla, and dark chocolate, enhanced by floral undertones.
- **Palate**: The wine is full-bodied, with intense flavors of black cherry, blackberry, and dark plum. Firm tannins provide structure, while secondary notes of licorice, espresso, and a mineral finish add complexity. The integration of oak imparts subtle spice and vanilla, with a long, velvety finish.

Did You Know?

The **Machete** wine was born in 2009, originally conceived as an homage to **Petite Sirah**, a varietal known for its powerful structure and deep color. Its striking label design, which changes each vintage, has become a symbol of **Orin Swift's** bold and artistic approach to winemaking.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak**: The wine's tannic structure pairs well with the rich, fatty texture of a ribeye, amplifying the bold flavors.
- **Lamb stew with rosemary**: The depth of the wine complements the savory, herbaceous notes of the lamb, creating a harmonious pairing.
- **Aged cheddar**: The sharpness of the cheese enhances the dark fruit and spice elements of the wine.
- **Mushroom risotto**: The earthy flavors of the mushrooms pair beautifully with the wine's mineral and dark fruit profile.

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Wine Spectator (WS) : 91 Points (2019)

A hearty and eclectic blend, appealing for the lively raspberry, garrigue and smoked meat accents, which race toward medium-grained tannins. Petite Sirah, Syrah, Grenache, Zinfandel and Viognier. (TF) (10/2022)