

The Prisoner Wine Co

Evoking the rich tapestry of California's vineyards, The Prisoner 2021 Red Blend delive

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Alcohol :15,20 %

Composition: 30% Zinfandel, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petite Syrah, 15% Syrah, 5% Merlot, 5% Malbec

rs a bold, hedonistic experience defined by its powerful fruit and complex spice profile.

Red Blend 2021

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The Prisoner Wine Co sources grapes from **premier vineyards across California**, embracing the diversity and richness of the state's viticultural landscapes. The approach is rooted in the tradition of early Italian immigrants who blended varietals to craft expressive, approachable wines. This philosophy honors California's patchwork of microclimates and soils, which range from sun-drenched valleys to cooler hillside vineyards.

Key vineyard sites include Bluxome Creek, Pastori, Trubody, Korte Ranch, Rogers, Solari Family Vineyard, Tiedemann Ranch, and York Creek. These sites contribute unique characters: from vibrant fruit intensity to **deep structural backbone**. By integrating such varied terroirs, the blend achieves remarkable balance and complexity, embodying the adventurous spirit and innovation synonymous with California wine.

Winemaking

The Prisoner 2021 is a dynamic blend of **Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Syrah, Merlot, and Malbec**, reflecting a philosophy of crafting wines without constraints. Zinfandel forms the core, delivering opulent fruit and warmth, while Cabernet Sauvignon lends structure and depth. Petite Sirah and Syrah contribute dark fruit and spice, complemented by the softness and plummy richness of Merlot and Malbec.

Aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels, with 30% new oak, this wine develops layers of sweet spice, toasty vanilla, and integrated tannins. The oak aging regimen accentuates the ripe, dense fruit while adding complexity and polish to the final blend. **Careful selection and blending** ensure that each varietal shines, creating a wine that is both approachable and deeply satisfying.

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Wine Spectator (WS) : 91 Points (2019)

Sleek, with cassis and plum notes laced with subtle alder and tobacco notes. The polished finish has a pretty flicker of savory. (JM)

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep, saturated ruby with an almost opaque core, hinting at the wine's concentration and richness.
- **Aroma**: Seductive notes of dried blackberry, açai berry, cedar, and tobacco leaf unfold alongside sweet spices of clove, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
- **Palate**: A cascade of ripe dark cherry and blackberry coulis flavors glide across the palate, accented by hints of anise. The texture is lush yet vibrant, supported by ripe, supple tannins that lead to a soft, lingering finish.

Did you know?

The Prisoner brand was originally inspired by the mixed black blends created by Italian immigrants in Napa Valley. Its striking label, depicting Francisco Goya's etching *Le Petit Prisonnier*, reflects a philosophy of breaking boundaries — both in art and winemaking — and has played a crucial role in redefining modern Californian blends.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Barbecue short ribs**: The wine's robust fruit and spice stand up beautifully to smoky, caramelized meat.
- **Mushroom risotto**: Earthy, umami-rich flavors echo the wine's depth and create a harmonious pairing.
- **Aged gouda**: The wine's ripe fruit and supple tannins contrast elegantly with the cheese's nutty, caramel notes.
- **Dark chocolate with sea salt**: Accentuates the wine's plush texture and dark fruit nuances for an indulgent finale.