



# Flycatcher

2022 CALIFORNIA RED WINE

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY  
FROG'S LEAP

A red wine blend in celebration of the wonderful  
and diverse terroirs of our home state.

After more than four decades of dedication to making wines that deeply reflect the unique terroirs in which they are grown, it's easy to forget that Frog's Leap began as a crazy idea. Despite starting with little more than a few hundred bucks and a playful name, our passion for great wine has sustained us through 40 years of pushing the envelope and producing wines that we are proud to grow, make, drink and share.

The Napa Valley is our winery home, but we identify strongly as California winemakers, and we love our diverse, eclectic state — home to 139 designated appellations, hundreds of grape varieties, and an ever-expanding set of like-minded winegrowers who share our passion for conscientious viticulture. Usually tucked away in little-visited corners of the state, these vineyards produce delicious grapes despite existing on the outskirts of mainstream viticulture — the result of a family or individual that refused to give up on the true spirit of California winemaking, which is the freedom to make good on one's crazy idea.

We love these vineyards and the wines they make, and we want in. Enter Flycatcher — a cheeky nod to our signature Frog's Leap wines, sourced a little further from home. Our intent is a fresh, fruity, and deliciously drinkable red wine whose sources will evolve and expand as we discover more folks who are willing to entrust us with their fruit. Its up-tempo nature makes it compatible with a broad variety of food, making it the kind of wine that we'd always feel comfortable uncorking, even if it's just Tuesday night and we're making pizza.

We've never been big fans of being normal or business-as-usual at Frog's Leap, and we've spent years finding ways to innovate and push boundaries. Whether with organic farming, dry farming, social responsibility, or climate awareness, we feel that our commitment to diversity and resilience in all aspects of our business helps us make better wine, sustain our community, and better tell the stories of the people and places that we find fascinating. Flycatcher is our newest effort to keep that spirit going — we hope you enjoy it!

## About the Wine

The inaugural vintage of Flycatcher consists of old vine Zinfandel from vines planted in 1963 at the Five Starr ranch in the Mokelumne River sub-AVA of Lodi, steeply-sloped Petite Sirah and aromatic, earthy Merlot from a duo of unlikely vineyards in the Yorkville Highlands area of Mendocino, and some fabulous Syrah from an outcropping of volcanic tufa soil in the Carneros district of Napa. Warm, generous fruit from the Zin combines with great backbone and spiciness from the Sirah-Syrah sisters. Merlot (grown at a high elevation) adds acidity and an earthy-floral top-note that helps invite the next sip.

All lots were destemmed, crushed lightly, and fermented in stainless steel at our home in Rutherford. With the broad array of sources, picking started on September 6th but didn't finish until October 18th. After finishing their fermentations, the Flycatcher lots were aged in a combination of 2- to 5-year-old oak barrels for 8 months, with two gentle rackings. No new oak was used in Flycatcher.

### Winemakers

John Williams  
Rory Williams  
Pablo Polanco

### Final Chemistry

13.6% alcohol by volume  
5.73 g/L total acidity  
3.82 pH  
0.07% residual sugar

### Blend

33% Zinfandel, 31% Petite Sirah,  
22% Merlot, 14% Syrah

### Bottled

July 18th 2023

### Cases Produced

3,630