



FROG'S LEAP

2012 HERITAGE BLEND

Napa Valley

THE BLEND

55% Charbono
22% Petite sirah
10% Carignane
9% Riesling
4% Valdeguie

PRODUCTION

658 cases

RELEASE DATE

May 2014

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 21
23.0° brix at harvest
13.4% alcohol
5.9 g/L total acidity
3.65 pH
aged 12 months in French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Paula Moschetti

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

A BRIEF HISTORY

When in 2007, Frog's Leap purchased the historic Rossi Ranch on Rutherford's western bench amongst the 52 acres of vineyards were some older vines of varieties rarely if ever planted in the modern Napa Valley. These vines (and the pre-Prohibition winery on the property) were a direct link to our heritage and a profound reminder of the responsibility we have as stewards of the land. We quickly decided to retain as many of these vines as was possible and more importantly to add to them—in honor of the Rossi Family who had live and farmed here for 99 years. When the project is complete the entire acreage in front of and around the iconic water tower and old cellar will be planted to heritage varietals, grapes that were popular here a century ago. The most interesting wines in the world tell a story. The story of this wine is the celebration of the history we share with all those who went before us and worked so hard to keep the Napa Valley an agricultural paradise.

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ABOUT THE WINE

Our second vintage of Heritage blend showcases Charbono at 55% with a supporting cast of Petite sirah, Carignane, Valdeguie and yes, you read it right, Riesling! In many of the fine wine-growing regions of the world, including the Rhône Valley of France, it is not uncommon to include aromatic white grapes in the blend. Instead of diluting the flavors when these white grapes co-ferment with reds, they actually help bring out the color and flavor of the red wine (*something called co-pigmentation...don't ask.*) Now, we do have to admit that we are not sure if anyone has ever used Riesling before! But that is just what our Heritage Blend is all about: unusual combinations of traditional varieties.

The 2012 Heritage Blend is beautifully fragrant of blue fruits with a little 'peatiness' making it warm and inviting. Perhaps it's our imagination but the Riesling does add a touch of fragrance. The flavors are long and sophisticated. Overall I will pick this wine when I'm stepping up my cooking and might otherwise be thinking of red Burgundy.