



FROG'S LEAP

2014 HERITAGE BLEND *Napa Valley*

THE BLEND

62% Charbono
23% Petite sirah
9% Valdiguie
4% Carignan
2% Riesling

RELEASE DATE

May 2016

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 2 - 11
21.4° brix at harvest
12.4% alcohol
5.2 g/L total acidity
3.65 pH
aged 12 months in French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Paula Moschetti

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

A BRIEF HISTORY

Frog's Leap purchased the historic Rossi Vineyard on Rutherford's western bench in 2007. Planted amongst its 52 acres of mostly Cabernet sauvignon and Sauvignon blanc grapes were some older, historic varieties rarely seen in modern Napa Valley. These vines (and the pre-Prohibition winery on the property) provide a direct link to our heritage and serve as a profound reminder of the responsibility we have as stewards of the land. Very quickly we decided to retain as many of these older vines as was possible and more importantly, we decided to add to them by the plantings of other heritage varieties. 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 varieties, 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 the Rossi Family and its 99 year farming legacy.

ABOUT THE WINE

It is not at all uncommon for the traditional blends of southern France to include some white grapes among the allowable varieties used in these fabulous wines. The white can add nuance and texture and above all racy acidity.

In our never ending goal of finding the perfect combination of varieties for our Heritage Blend a small amount of Riesling planted on the Rossi Vineyard in 1978 joins hands with the dominant reds. A wine that is exciting and appealing with warm summer fruits layered with smoked meat and black pepper. Made to go with sturdy farmhouse dishes like my wife's fabulous cassoulet, this wine is like no other wine produced in Napa today.