



For centuries, vintners have singled out individual vines that produce exceptional grapes. A select few have stood the test of time and have been granted numbers to distinguish them. Noble Vines.

## BEHIND THE NUMBERS

For TheONE Black, we chose vine stocks with diverse origins — California (Zinfandel and Teinturier Rubired), Bordeaux (Merlot), the Rhone Valley (Syrah), and France (Petite Sirah).

A small but defining component in TheONE Black is Petite Sirah, which is also the 'secret weapon' in some of Napa Valley's most highly esteemed wines. This relatively new variety is a crossbreed between Rhone varieties Syrah and Peloursin, created by French nurseryman Francis Durif in the 1870s. Petite Sirah's only 'petite' characteristic is the compact size of the berries. It was planted in California in the late nineteenth century to lend structure and body to the widely grown Zinfandel blends that were popular at the time. How pleasing it is that these varieties come together again, in Noble Vines highly expressive TheONE Black.

## WINEMAKING

Noble Vines objective has always been to offer varieties that have been classics for centuries, with an expression that is pure Californian. Just as the origins for TheONE's several varieties span several countries, the vineyards for TheONE Black lie far apart, with distinct terroirs matched to every grape type. Hence, the California label appellation. The goal was to create a powerful, fruit-forward wine, so the grapes were picked on the riper side and vinified with a soft texture in mind. After slow fermentation on the skins, the grapes were gently pressed to keep tannins velvety. A portion of the wine was left on French and American oak for several months to impart additional layers of flavor, texture and complexity.

- Charlie Hossom, *Vine Grower, Noble Vines* 

## TASTING NOTES

Noble Vines The One Black is a full-bodied wine, brimming with exuberant aromas of cassis, blueberry and a hint of cedar. Firm tannins support rich, dark, concentrated flavors of ripe plum, blackberry, chocolate-covered cherry and baking spice, leading to a long finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol 15%

Total Acid 0.61 g/100ml

Final pH 3.61

Blend: 63% Zinfandel, 12% Merlot, 7% Rubired, 6% Syrah, 4% Petite Sirah, 8% Other



## **ACCOLADES**

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Vine Origins
Rhone, Bordeaux, California

Appellation

North Coast, California

Cellaring
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after vintage date