



LEAPING
HORSE
VINEYARDS

2017 Red Blend

History: Born from a love of horses, Leaping Horse is aptly named. The Kautz family have been involved in many generations of riders and are passionate about their equine friends and partners. From an artist rendition to today's look, Leaping Horse is about unpretentious and contemporary wine styles.

Vineyards: The Kautz family has been promoting and working with sustainable viticulture for over 35 years. Crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials and drip irrigation are used throughout the vineyards to improve the quality and intensity of flavors. Cover crops, which attract beneficial insects are also employed. In addition, owl boxes and wood duck boxes are placed around the vineyards and ponds helping to preserve the surrounding habitats. This blend of Zinfandel, Merlot and Petite Sirah come primarily from soils that are sandy loam and well-drained allowing the wonderful ripeness come through to the grapes.

Winemaker Notes: The 2016 Leaping Horse Red Blend is a medium bodied wine with a sweet berry profile, such as black cherries and strawberries, as well as red apples. There is an herbal note with a juicy integrated fruit and chocolate finish.

Chef Recommendations: Leaping Horse Red Blend is ideal for hearty soups, grilled red meats, pasta dishes in marinara sauces, barbequed chicken or simply on its own. A lovely cheese plate to finish or a rich chocolate dessert is always a great option!

Wine Enthusiast, Oct. 2016 **Best Buy** *"Spicy, anise-like aromas and lightly sweet fruit flavors recalling black cherries and strawberries give a lot of personality to this medium-bodied wine."* v. 2014

Blend: 50% Merlot, 40% Zin, 10% Petite Sirah

Appellation: California Sub-AVA: Lodi

Aging: Four months, New French Oak

Alcohol: 14.5% TA: 5.45 pH: 3.72 RS: 6.7 g/L

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