



2011
POINT BREAK
NORTH COAST
REGIONAL RED BLEND

A Point Break (as distinct from a Beach Break) offers surfers a unique experience because it focuses the energy of prevailing swells (often from a few directions) into a single wave with a predictable and powerful path. Similarly, this wine blends influences from a few red varieties and seamlessly integrates them into an expression of aromas and flavors that reflect the climate of Northern California.

This wine is all about individuality and freedom. Born from an appreciation of layered complexity and a passion for excellence while "drawing outside the lines", Point Break brings together different influences to a focal point. Cabernet Sauvignon from the Chalk Hill area provides a solid backbone of lengthy tannins and Black Currant notes. Syrah from the Russian River Valley and the Sonoma Coast appellations brings in Blackberry, Cola and leather note. Zinfandel from the Russian River Valley provides a light white pepper spiciness, and a small amount of Carignane - a bright Cherry. Merlot and Malbec from Dakine Vineyard (in the Russian River Valley) rounds everything in a velvety glove.

This wine, born as an experiment a few years back, has slowly evolved, taking on the role of a solid member of the family who is never flashy yet always delivers. No wonder it is one of our best sellers in the tasting room. While differences in flavors and aromas between vintages are to be expected, the theme remains the same, a reflection of a season across the dominant red varieties of the region.

Composition: 100% 2011 Vintage

Cabernet Sauvignon - 8%
Carignane - 1%
Merlot - 41%
Malbec 11%
Syrah - 38%
Zinfandel 1%

