



# 22 Pirates

## 2019 Red Blend

22 Pirates was created to utilize some of the finest grapes and wines scattered throughout the best wine growing regions in all of California. California has often been compared to several other wine regions around the world, but many would argue that no other region mirrors California better than the Rhône Valley. We created 22 Pirates to showcase those varietals and the extremely complex and outstanding wines that can be created when you strip away the varietal designation and simply make the best wine you can with the many grape varietals that are farmed throughout California. The wine uses any or all of the 22 Rhône varietals recognized in California, to create this beautiful and intricate wine.

### HARVEST NOTES

2019, like the previous two vintages, continued to be one of the latest starts to harvest in recent memory. As the winters have become increasingly wet over the past three years, the soil profile has continued to allow the vines time to mature at a health rate and allow for a prolonged growing season. Seasonably above average rainfall in the spring gave rise to a later than average bud break and bloom. The late bloom period allowed the weather to warm up and decrease any concerns of a devastating frost event, a welcomed outcome for winemakers statewide. The summer of 2019 was well below seasonal average for temperatures and heat spike events. Only four days of 100+ degree temperatures in 2019 was well below that of 2018 and 2019 that saw 16 and 11 days respectively over 100 degrees. This even and mild temperature swings gave us an ideal growing season which pushed well into November. The extended hang time is shaping up to provide extremely high quality and likely one of the best vintages in the past decade.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2019 22 Pirates wine was sourced from premium vineyards from throughout California. Painstaking trials and blending went into the creation of the highest quality final product possible. The grapes are sourced from sustainably farmed vineyards and given ultra premium style winemaking techniques to ensure the utmost of quality. The grapes are given extended cold soaking prior to fermentation and extended maceration post fermentation for maximum extraction of color and tannins. The wines are pumped over 3+ times per day for 2 weeks during peak fermentation to aid in the extraction process and provide a clean fermentation to maintain quality. Once finished, the wines are aged in premium French oak for 12 - 18 months prior to final blending and bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

**Color:** Black Plum  
**Aromas:** Bramble Berry, Tobacco, Toffee, Light Oak  
**Structure:** Medium Acid, Medium Tannin, Full Body  
**Flavors:** Pepper, Caramel, Cherry-Cola  
**Pairing:** Beef Stroganoff, Lasagna, Bison Burger

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Vineyard:** 100% Estate Vineyard  
**Blend:** 62% Syrah, 24% Petite Sirah, 10% Carignane, 4% Grenache  
**Aged:** 14 months in 33% New French Oak, 67% Neutral French Oak  
**Harvest date:** Sept. 27 – Oct. 14  
**Average Brix at Harvest:** 25.5  
**PH:** 3.69  
**TA:** 0.62  
**Alcohol:** 14.5%  
**Sugar:** 6.1g/L

