

2002 RED REX

The Secret's in the Blend

Winemaking is 60% cooking. Cooking's about taste. Taste has no rules. Red Rex is this philosophy personified. It's an outside the box, do what tastes best blend. It's the winemakers deep in the cave, hanging around the barrels, tasting wine, sharing ideas, and being creative. It's evolution.

We make a lot of different wines at Deerfield, from a lot of different vineyards. Each is unique, each has it's own personality. Cabernet from here is distinctly different than Cabernet from there. Each barrel has a unique nuance, a slight variation on a theme. We've taken this palette of tastes, noses, feel, and character and woven them into a delicious experience.

Cabernet Sauvignon, from three special vineyards, Bugay, Ladi and Los Chamasal was blended with our richest Merlot from the Peterson and Russian River Vineyards. Malbec and Petit Verdot from Roumiguire give it extra breadth and depth. Trio Vineyard Cabernet Franc adds a chocolate overtone.

Ladi's Syrah adds boldness. Touches of Sangiovese and Dolcetto from Windsor Oaks enhance the fruit character, and a splash of Buchignani Old Vine Zinfandel adds spice. Convention says we used too many varietals. Art follows no conventions.

No shortcuts were taken. The wine was made cleanly, from hand sorted and gently pressed fruit, so that no fining was necessary. Our specialized whole berry, open tank, hand punched fermentation technique assures full fruit character, soft tannins, low acid and a rich mouth feel. The component wines were aged in the best French and American oak barrels, topped, tasted and nurtured every few weeks, for almost three years. State of the art *crossflow* assures brilliance in the glass. The wine is natural and free of modern additives and stabilizers. Organic sulfur dioxide was kept to a threshold level typical of our cleanly made wines. We hope you enjoy our art.

Winemakers: Robert Rex, Michael Browne, Michael Collier, and Matthew Wilson

The Blend: 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 12% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 6% Syrah, 4% Sangiovese, 2% Dolcetto, 2% Zinfandel

Alcohol: 14% by volume

Total acidity: 5.8 g/liter

Free SO₂: 15 parts/million

Oak Barrel profile: 35% New, 80% French

Barrel Aged: 32 months

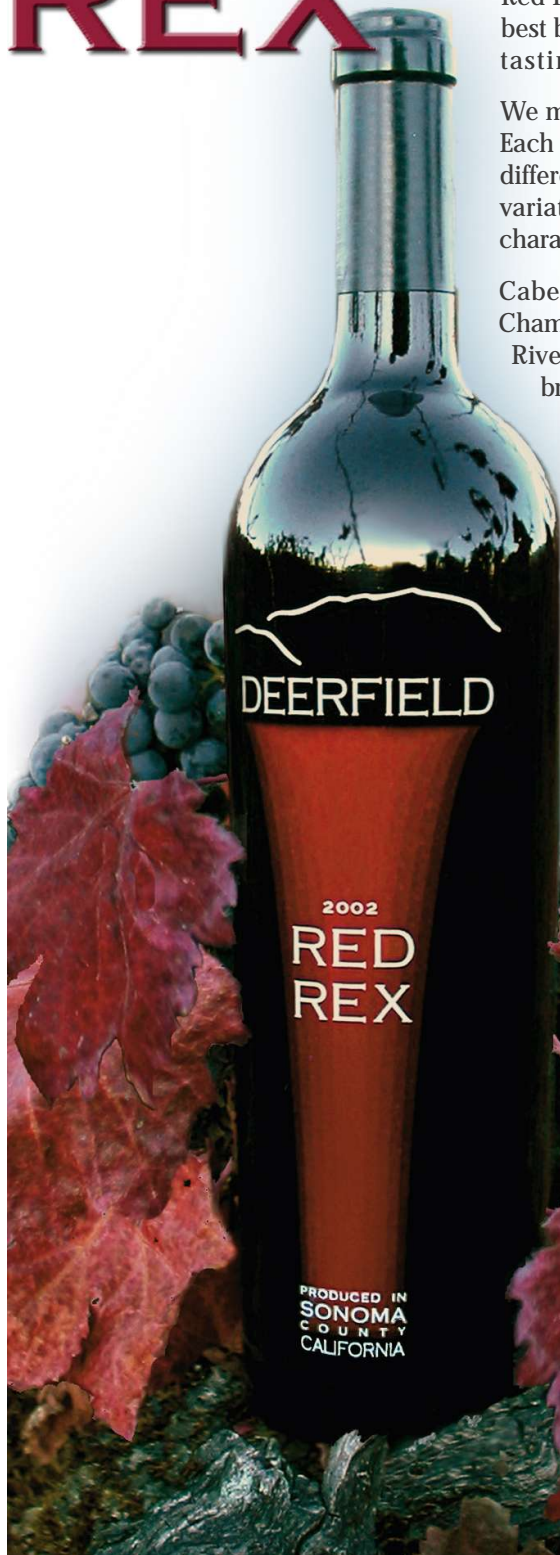
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Cases Produced: 1,100

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