

# 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, tasting wine from the barrels, sharing ideas, being creative. It's evolution.

We make a lot of different wines at Deerfield. 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 small Sonoma County vineyards was blended with our richest Merlot from Sonoma Valley and the Russian River. Malbec and Petit Verdot give it extra breadth and depth. Napa Valley Cabernet Franc adds a chocolate overtone. Syrah adds boldness. Touches of Sonoma Sangiovese and Dolcetto enhance the fruit character, and a splash of Dry Creek 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, and a rich mouth feel. The wines were aged in the best French and American oak barrels, topped, tasted and nurtured every few weeks, for almost three years.

RED REX is natural and free of modern additives and stabilizers and, typical of our cleanly made wines, you're unlikely to get reactions to SO<sub>2</sub> or histamines. We hope you enjoy our art.

*"It's deep and dark with great blackberry fruit. Mellow tannins and a wonderful soft and lingering cedar finish make this wine everything you would want in a bottle costing \$30.00."*

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