



LEESE - FITCH

CALIFORNIA

FIREHOUSE RED WINE

2016

TASTING NOTES

Aromatics of blackberry cobbler, vanilla, cassis and hints of toasted sage. On the palate, dark black fruits – blackberry, black cherry and dried blueberry with hints of tart pomegranate and sweet leather. The finish showcases mocha chocolate, toasted coconut, dried cherry, cardamom and a touch of Mexican oregano.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 Firehouse Red is a blend of multiple varietals that showcase the strength of their vintage. The absence of rainfall in the 2016 growing season produced high yields of quality, high-color density fruit. Lodi Petite Sirah leads the charge with inky black color, oozing with blackberry and black cherry fruit while a touch of Clarksburg Petite Sirah adds some backbone. The Lodi Zinfandel successfully combines flavors of dark and brambly fruit with gamey complexity. The bold structure is balanced with a bit of acidity which is a result of the Merlot sourced from Paso Robles, Lodi and Clarksburg. Mourvedre adds a sweet leather note while a pinch of Lodi Syrah and Tempranillo add spice and round out this scrumptious blend.

BLEND

34% Petite Sirah, 25% Zinfandel,
22% Merlot, 11% Mourvedre,
7% Syrah, 1% Tempranillo

APPELLATION

62% Lodi, 15% Clarksburg,
11% Contra Costa County,
6% Paso Robles, 6% Mendocino

ANALYSIS

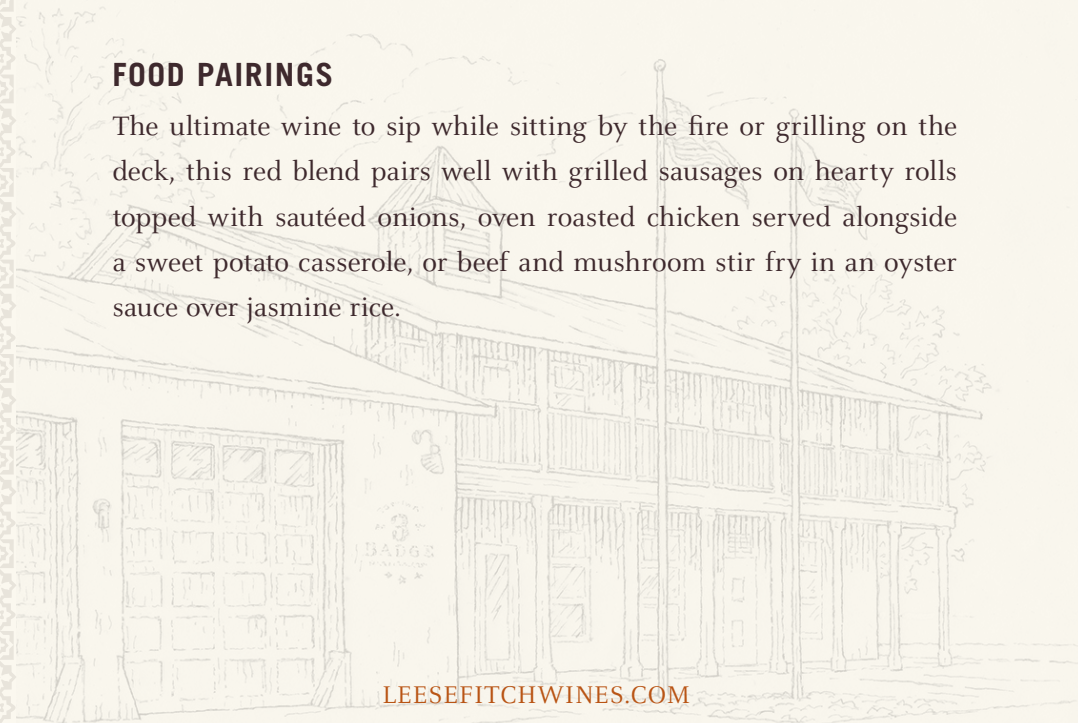
pH 3.63
TA 5.9 g/L
ALC 13.5%
RS 3.0 g/L

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FOOD PAIRINGS

The ultimate wine to sip while sitting by the fire or grilling on the deck, this red blend pairs well with grilled sausages on hearty rolls topped with sautéed onions, oven roasted chicken served alongside a sweet potato casserole, or beef and mushroom stir fry in an oyster sauce over jasmine rice.



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