

# 2012 Portrait of a Mutt Red

Always a blend, thus a "mutt." Our 2012 "Portrait of a Mutt" is a most worthy "mutt" indeed. Blended from a combination of Zinfandel, Merlot, Carignane, and Petite Sirah, this release continues our homage to California's early history, when fruit forward wines were made by Italian immigrants using a field mix blend of various grapes from their vineyard with Zinfandel at the core. Our "Portrait" showcases the sweet berry and spice qualities of the Zin, the red cherry fruit components of the other varietals and an overall firm structure and lovely mouthfeel. We salute all the "mutts" that combine the best of many breeds!—Brenda Lynch

## Brenda's Winemaking...Great fruit & cold beer

**It's all about the fruit.** For her "Dog Series" wines, Brenda has one goal in mind—create fruit-forward wines with varietally true aromatics, mid palette weight and flavor, and a full-bodied and balanced finish. Brenda sources her fruit from a variety of appellations within California always letting the quality of the fruit drive her selections. Her travels always seem to have stops in beach towns for a cold beer at the local pub, which she claims are an equally important part of her winemaking!

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# **Tasting Notes**

The 2012 Mutt Lynch Portrait of a Mutt is a red blend that uses each varietal to its best advantage. Aromas of ripe raspberry and toast are echoed in the fruit-forward palate that is reminiscent of a warm berry pie. This medium-bodied wine has a silky mouthfeel with some chewy tannins and granite-like mineral notes on the finish.

This is a food-friendly wine that will pair well with a variety of dishes but we think it would make a great companion to your favorite lasagna recipe.

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### Information

Vintage:	2012
Appellation:	California
Zinfandel: Merlot: Carignane: Petite Sirah:	58% 15% 14% 13%
Alcohol:	13.5%
Produced:	507 Cases
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