



Mendocino Benchlands 2019

60% Nero d'Avola, 40% Zinfandel
Mendocino County, CA · 759 cases

small talk

Get groovy with juicy aromas of plum and black cherries balanced and sultry hints of herbaceous black tea.

big talk

“The name of this wine refers to the uplifted benchlands in Mendocino where all of the original Italian settlers planted vines (rather than the valley floor). All of the vineyards in this blend are planted on those uplifted benchlands.”

Zinfandel and 30% of the Nero d'Avola come from Chiarito Vineyard in Ukiah; a new vineyard that we farm ourselves; 27-year old vines, head trained, no till, loam soils. **Remaining Nero d'Avola comes from Benson Ranch (22%) in Ukiah;** 14 year old head trained, dry farmed vines, gravelly loam soil and **Fox Hill Vineyard (8%) in Talmage Bench;** 33 year old vines; sandy loam soils. All farmed according to organic principles without pesticides, herbicides, and synthetic fungicides.

sales talk

Seriously playful

Our favorite artists are total nerds for their craft. Mendocino Benchlands embodies this. Nero d'Avola and Zinfandel work together here to create a balanced blend that delivers dark, juicy fruit, and herbaceous depth. But don't let that precision fool you, Benchlands is as lively as any of our blends. Try it right out of the fridge with your favorite album.

The \$30 fall/ winter wine

Consider this a thoughtful find for folks looking for a special dinner pairing or a bottle that could spend a few years in the cellar. For customers used to a higher price point, Benchlands offers a spirited take on a chillable, weekday dinner option; from fancy Italian takeout to homemade soups and stews.

Contemporary riff on an Italian classic

The blend of 60% Nero d'Avola and 40% Zinfandel is inspired by the classic Cerasuolo di Vittoria blend of 60% Nero d'Avola and 40% Frappato from Sicily. A *Cerasuolo di California*, if you will. Direct your Italian wine aficionados to this dry farmed gem, or those just looking to wow their Thursday night date.

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