



De Vries Premium Wines

## **The Prisoner Red Blend 2018**

*The Prisoner Wine Company, a trailblazer in Napa Valley, is renowned for its bold and innovative winemaking approach. Originally crafted by Dave Phinney, The Prisoner has become iconic for its unconventional blends that defy tradition. The 2018 vintage showcases this philosophy, blending Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Syrah, and Charbono to create a wine of intense character, layered complexity, and remarkable approachability.*



### **General Information**

- **Producer:** The Prisoner Wine Company
- **Appellation:** California, USA
- **Varietal Composition:** Predominantly Zinfandel, with Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Syrah, and Charbono
- **Vintage:** 2018
- **Alcohol Content:** 15.2%
- **Volume:** 750ml



### **Vineyard and Terroir**

- **Location:** Sourced from various esteemed vineyards in California, including historic sites in Napa Valley.
- **Soil Type:** A mix of alluvial soils, which add structure and depth.
- **Viticulture Practices:** Collaboration with growers using sustainable vineyard practices to maintain grape quality and environmental stewardship.



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## Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes handpicked at peak ripeness.
- **Vinification:** Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in French and American oak barrels (30% new) to enhance flavor complexity.
- **Malolactic Fermentation:** Completed for a smooth and creamy texture.
- **Aging:** the aging process involves maturing the wine in a combination of American and French oak barrels. This approach enhances the wine's structure and adds layers of vanilla, coconut, and subtle spice, contributing to its smooth and rich finish.



## Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Deep ruby red with a purple hue.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of ripe raspberry, dark chocolate, and roasted fig with hints of vanilla and clove.
- **Palate:** Luscious and full-bodied, featuring flavors of black cherry, pomegranate, and subtle spice, supported by a smooth, lingering finish.
- **Finish:** Long and harmonious, with a balance of fruit and oak.
- **Aging Potential:** Enjoy now or cellar for up to 5-7 years.



## Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Perfect with short ribs, chicken mole, or aged cheeses.



## Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- **Sustainable Winemaking:** The winery collaborates with growers practicing sustainable viticulture, ensuring minimal environmental impact.



## Awards and Recognition

- Consistently receives high ratings, with past vintages scoring 90+ points from Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast.



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### **Producer's Notes**

The Prisoner Red Blend 2018 is a bold and captivating wine that merges California's winemaking heritage with modern flair, offering a rich, balanced experience ideal for a variety of occasions.