

MEEKER ROLLER COASTER RED BLEND NV/\$17.99



DESCRIPTION

Charles and Molly Meeker bought their first vineyard at the end of West Dry Creek Road in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley in 1977. In 1984, Charlie and Molly established their winery — The Meeker Vineyard — with Charlie as the winemaker. In its early years, the winery specialized in Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Chardonnay. The Meeker Vineyard tasting room is currently located in the 113-year-old Geyserville Bank building in the farm town of Gevserville, about six miles north of Healdsburg between Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys. The Meeker Vineyard is truly a family operation. Molly is President and in charge of marketing and accounting (she's also the Chief Sass and Sarcasm Officer). Charlie is CEO and Co-Winemaker, and also a walking library of stories about the wine business. Molly & Charlie's son Lucas joined the winery full time in 2007 after graduating from Colgate University. Starting off scrubbing tanks and washing glasses, he's worked his way up to COO and Head Winemaker. He also does all of our label design and runs the winery day-to-day. Molly & Charlie's daughter Kelly lives in Bozeman, Montana. Kelly has spent multiple stints at the winery over the years and has cleaned her fair share of tanks. She works full-time in education technology and manages the winery's social media, website and marketing. Kelly's husband, Ty, spent five years total with the winery and served two of them as Assistant Winemaker. The Meeker family takes pride in an unconventional attitude towards wine. As Molly would love to tell you with a smile: "We take nothing seriously but the wine itself."

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This is a blend of 36.15% Merlot, 22.53% Syrah, 16.97% Zinfandel, 9.68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.4% Grenache, 3.2% Petite Sirah, 1.61% Petit Verdot, 1.08% Pinot Noir, .67% Cabernet Franc, .54% Barbera, and .17% Carignane. Roller Coaster Red Blend is made from the extra barrels of the broad variety of wines made at Meeker. It has always been a wine focused on combining the core values of their winemaking style, broad-shouldered structure

and bright acidity, elegant tannins, legit ageworthiness, no residual sugar, with a perspective more focused on fun and being easy to enjoy.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

This wine opens up with a nose of berries, coffee, cola, and earth.

Palate:

On the palate there is black cherry, blackberry cobbler and spice surrounded by toasty French oak and vanilla with a long lingering finish that lasts way after the ride is over.

Pairing:

Meatloaf, Beef Stew, Roasted Pheasant, Rabbit.

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