

# 8 years in the Desert

## 2024 CALIFORNIA RED WINE

The desert can be an inhospitable place for the unprepared or uninitiated. So, when we entered into an eight year Zinfandel non-compete agreement in 2008 (i.e., a desert), we took advantage of it by honing our craft with other varietals, setting the stage for when we could reintroduce the varietal back into our lineup. For years now, *Eight Years in the Desert* has been at the center of our brand—the culmination of decades of Orin Swift winemaking. The 2024 vintage is sourced from vineyards across the state, including the historic Monte Rosso vineyard on Sonoma County's Moon Mountain District AVA, as well as Stefani Ranch, Dark Horse and numerous others.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

What first catches the eye is the opaque mauve core paired with a vivid fuchsia as it approaches the rim. Coating the glass, the 2024 *Eight Years in the Desert* opens with aromatics reminiscent of a black plum and boysenberry galette, Tellicherry peppercorn, cedar and musk. Taut yet supple on the entry, the palate exudes notes of wild blackberry, crispy pluot, a hint of fennel and slate. Pleasing texture on the finish, the soft framing tannins lead into a close of milk chocolate covered raspberry.

## BLEND

Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah

## MATURATION

8 months in French Oak, 32% New

## ALC/VOL

15.4%

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