

RAY'S STATION

— M E N D O C I N O —

OUR STORY

JOHN RAY, FORMER ARMY CAPTAIN AND BEAR FLAG REPUBLIC LEADER, WAS AN EARLY FOUNDER IN WHAT IS NOW NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S WINE COUNTRY. AFTER ESTABLISHING SUCCESSFUL VINEYARDS THROUGHOUT THE REGION, RAY MADE HIS WAY UP THE NORTHERN STRETCH OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER, PLANTING SOME OF THE VERY FIRST VINEYARDS IN MENDOCINO COUNTY. RAY'S STATION CELEBRATES JOHN RAY'S SEARCH FOR EXCEPTIONAL TERROIR AND HIS NEED FOR DISCOVERY.

VINEYARDS

An extended growing season, long hot days and cool maritime-influenced nights combine to make Mendocino a world-class winegrowing region. The benchland vineyards from which we source our fruit offer soils with exceptional drainage and vines whose roots grow deeper than typical valley floor vines, adding complexity to the fruit. Sustainable farming practices ensure that these small-production wines are intense, bold and full of character, much like the region itself. We are proud to partner with respected growers such as Rhodes Vineyards, H&W, Stanton Ranch and Piffero Vineyards.

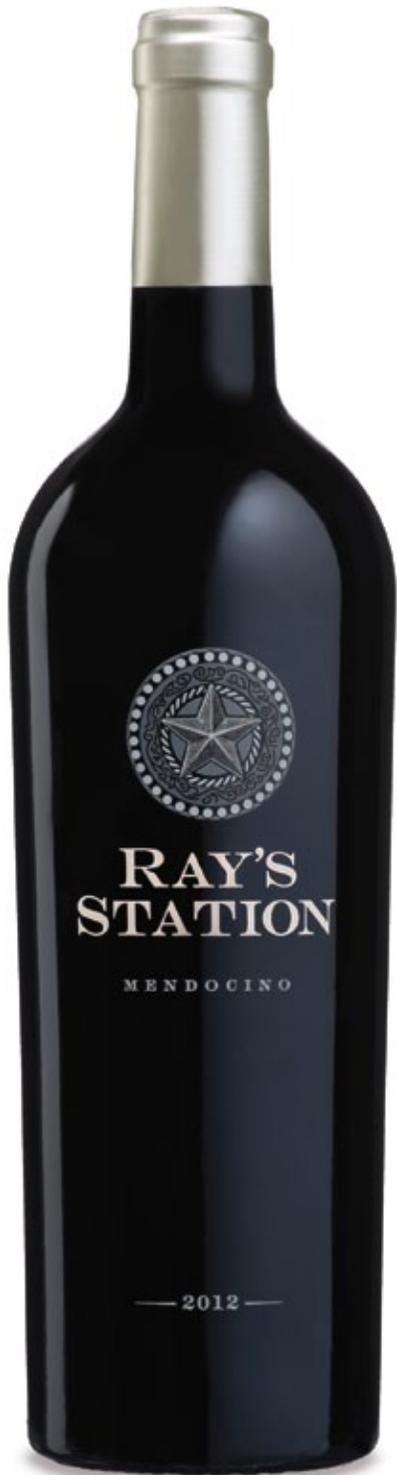
WINEMAKING

Overseeing fruit sourcing and winemaking is our renowned winemaker Michael Westrick. Michael has been crafting top-tier, Bordeaux-inspired wines for more than 20 years and has directed winemaking for such well-known wineries as Sterling Vineyards in Napa and Stonestreet Winery in Sonoma. With a hands-on approach and well-honed craft, Michael is excited to now create exceptional Cabernet and Merlot from Mendocino County. Handpicked fruit and small-lot winemaking captures the full-flavored, terroir-specific expression of this region.

ESTATE WINERY

Down the road from the Russian River in the southern hills of Mendocino County, our expert winemaker crafts powerful yet approachable wines all at our estate winery. Starting with meticulous vineyard management and continuing through harvest and fermentation, wines produced at 'Ray's Station' deliver the highest of quality. In addition to our well-known Cabernet and Merlot, we also produce a handful of small-lot wines from hand-selected barrels in our cellar.





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2012 Merlot MENDOCINO

Mendocino's growing season began early and temperatures were moderate throughout the summer. Temperatures in the 90's during the day and the 40's at night, allowed for great ripening while retaining balanced acidity.

This Merlot captures the essence of Mendocino wines; strong, vibrant and packed with scents and flavors reminiscent of the ripest black cherries. French oak induces hints of spice and bold, supple tannins offer strength and concentration throughout the wine. Age worthy for five years yet ready to drink now, pair this wine with your favorite grilled fish, lamb chops or filet mignon.

Technical Info

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

76% Merlot &
24% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

100% Mendocino County

BARREL AGING

Twelve months in
20% new French oak

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TA: 6.5 g/L, pH: 3.41, RS: 0.25 g/100mL

2012 Cabernet Sauvignon MENDOCINO

These grapes are sourced from Mendocino benchlands in an area that saw perfect weather all season long and led to a bounty of terrific fruit. The 2012 wines express great balance, color, depth and soft, silky tannins.

Brightly aromatic, this wine fills your nose with scents of briar and sweet wild berries, reminiscent of Mendocino's pedigree. The palate has flavors of boysenberry, blackberry and wild cherry. French oak barrel aging adds hints of espresso and vanilla, framing the fruit while full, rich, silky tannins carry into the finish. Enjoy today and over the next ten years with tomato pastas, grilled chicken or a steak.

Technical Info

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

90% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Malbec & 4% Merlot

APPELLATION

100% Mendocino County

BARREL AGING

Twelve months in
30% new French oak

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TA: 6.5 g/L, pH: 3.48, RS: 0.25 g/100mL