

**Peirano Estate Vineyards  
2018 Red Wine Blend  
'Illusion'  
Estate Grown, Lodi Appellation**



**WINEMAKING NOTES:**

This wine is a big winner for Peirano Estate Vineyards!! This collaboration between 4th generation winemaker Lance Randolph and his youngest daughter, 5th generation Alexis Randolph, is the best of “old-school winemaking” and “new-school winemaking!!” The results in this bottle, we think, accents the best of both generations of winemaking styles.

The 2018 blend consists of Old Vine Zinfandel, Merlot, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes were HAND-PICKED into small bins for the most delicate handling of the fruit. Once we received the fruit at the winery, we keep each varietal separate though the entire fermentation and aging process. Fermented on its skins, with extended maceration to dryness, it was then pressed and aged in French and American oak barrels, of which 15% was new oak. We then make several blends and sample each one until we have found one that is greater than its parts.

**TASTING NOTES:**

The wine exhibits a rich deep burgundy hue with a perfect clarity. The aromas are a compendium of opulent blackberries, boysenberries and cola. The palate explodes with rich mouth filling sweet blackberries, juicy black cherries, lush juicy fruit and spice. The long, seductive finish is filled with rich chocolate truffles with firm, round, yet supple mouth filling tannins.

**TECHNICAL NOTES:**

Malolactic Fermentation: 100%  
Total Acidity: .59g  
Bottled: August 22, 2019  
Enjoy now or cellar thru 2025

pH: 3.66  
Residual Sugar: .99  
Alcohol: 14.8%

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