

CLUB CRUSH RED *June Shipment (#3 - 2022)*

SAXON BROWN 2017 ZINFANDEL FIGHTING BROTHERS SONOMA VALLEY



TASTING NOTES:

The 2017 Fighting Brothers Zinfandel is a big, concentrated wine with flavors of blackberry bramble, raspberry compote, dark cherry, and clove. On the palate the wine's jammy core of concentrated sweet oak tannins that linger on the endless finish.

SaxonBrown.com

WINERY INFO:

With Saxon Brown, owner/winemaker Jeff Gaffner has parlayed his longstanding grower relationships, developed as a consulting winemaker, into a line of small, site-driven bottlings that celebrate his favorite vineyard sites. Jeff launched Saxon Brown in 1997 to focus on small single vineyard bottlings reflecting his preference for elegantly structured, well balanced and age worthy wines. Over time, Jeff expanded Saxon Brown's vineyard-focus with small offerings from both established and emerging vineyard sites, including Durell, Gap's Crown and Roberts Road (Sonoma Coast), Hyde (Carneros-Napa), Green Acres (Carneros-Sonoma), Ferrington (Anderson Valley) and Rosella's (Santa Lucia Highlands) vineyards.

Our 2017 Fighting Brothers Zinfandel is made from a mix of "old" and "young" vines, and is named for my two sons, who have blended their age-related differences into something approaching harmony. The old vines give us the complexity that comes from the traditional field blending of multiple varietals, while the younger sites give us lively acidity and bright, focused flavors. Together they produce a harmonious blend worthy of the Fighting Brothers that inspired it.

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

pH: 3.6 **TA:** .63

Barrel Aging: 18 months, 30% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.7%

Production: 238 cases

Regular Price. . . . \$37.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$34.19

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HOURLASS WINERY 2019 'HGIII' NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

The 2019 vintage for HGIII is a knockout - an unequivocal example of how this expansive, rich and deeply textured wine overdelivers. Tony's ingenious blend, the core trio of varieties all offer distinction and harmony to the final blend: Merlot leads with finesse and approachability, Cabernet Sauvignon elevates with structure and polish, and Petite Syrah grounds the blend with gravitas and bass. With red and black currant forming the aromatic core, dried herb and fennel are their verdant, savory counterpart. A ripe juicy frame of dark sour and red cherry mingles with inky black cassis laced with fine streaks of dark Belgian chocolate. Undeniably approachable now, and yet with the structure, density, and complexity for great ageability.

WINERY INFO:

With a name stemming from its unique shape of the original vineyard's mountain-pinched site, Hourglass Vineyards is a brand synonymous with terroir-driven, modern Napa wines of the highest caliber. The Hourglass Vineyard, which sits two miles north of the famous town St. Helena, was planted to four acres of Cabernet Sauvignon in 1992. Hourglass' debut was a 1997 cabernet from this Estate Vineyard. The wine was included in a tasting around the time of the 2001 Napa Valley Wine Auction, where it fared well against cult Napa cabs like Screaming Eagle and Harlan Estate. A new star was born, literally overnight.

HG III is Tony Biagi's riff on the Napa Valley red blend. Crafted with select lots from our Blueline Estate and carefully sourced vineyards in Napa Valley, HG III embodies the deft balance of richness and vibrancy that is at the heart of what we do at Hourglass. Merlot offers sleek, approachable texture and bright red fruit components, Petite Sirah provides the anchoring bass notes of dark blue and black fruit, and Cabernet weaves these together with structural framing and elegant refinement.

Composition: Merlot, Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon

Cooperage: 15 months in new and seasoned French oak



HourglassWines.com

Regular Price. . . \$54.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$49.49