

R & B Cellars

The Improviser

Red Table Wine

Vineyards: Favallora Vineyard, Del Barba Vineyard, Blackrock Vineyard, Bingham Ranch

Composition: ~ 70% Contra Costa Zinfandel

Percentages may vary with each new blend Small percentages of: Contra Costa Barbera, Lake County Mourvedre, Napa Petite Sirah, Cabernet, and Merlot

First Bottling: December 2011

Current bottling: March 2015

Current blend released: April 2015

Production: 3500 Cases



The Improviser is a delicious red blend that contains a hearty base of Zinfandel. Never the same blend twice, but always the same varietal profile and invariably delicious. Aged in a combination of 1 and 2 year old barrels - a combination of French and American oak. Juicy dark fruit and a smooth finish are the hallmarks of this reliably tasty Zinfandel blend. Perfect for sipping and or pairing with food.

Vineyards: We are fortunate to have contracts with some of the best vineyards in Northern California. The Improviser is Zin-based coming from Favallora and Del Barba Vineyard in Contra Costa; the Cab, Merlot and Petite comes from Bingham Ranch in Napa Valley, and the Mourvedre comes from Blackrock Vineyard in Lake County, to name a few.

The Wine: The most important aspect of creating a red-blend wine is *consistency*, which means the most important aspect of creating the blend is the actual *blending* of the various varietals that go into the wine. While the vineyards may vary from time to time, and the percentages in the other blending varietals may change slightly, the character and the profile of the wine must remain the same. That is the promise that Kevin makes every time he puts a new Improviser blend together.

Improvisation:

"The art of creating music spontaneously without the aid of a written manuscript."

"The Improviser is the result of my passions and stimulus of the moment: the creation of a delicious blend whilst tasting and experimenting with several different wines. A blend of Zinfandel, Mourvedre, Barbera, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, and Merlot, this wine is like a great swing tune. You start listening and all of a sudden you find your feet tapping in time with the music, but in this case, it is your taste buds! So, pour a glass and let your taste buds start tapping with joy as you savor the flavors. It is hip, happening and definitely "in the pocket!" -Kevin

Award History: Double Gold Medal / 98 Points / "Best of Class": CA State Fair Wine Competition

Double Gold Medal: Tasters Guild Consumer Wine Awards

Platinum Medal / 94 Points: Consumer Wine Awards

Chairman's Double Gold Medal – Riverside International Wine Competition

Gold Medal: Tasters Guild International Wine Competition

Gold Medal / 94 Points: Beverage Testing Institute: World Value Wine Challenge

96 Points: Just Wine Points