

# LEESE - FITCH

CALIFORNIA

FIREHOUSE RED WINE

2014



**89**pts  
**GREAT VALUE**

THE TASTING PANEL  
AUGUST 2016

**BEST BUY**  
**87 POINTS**

WINE ENTHUSIAST  
DECEMBER 2016

“Ripe cherries are the initial aromas pouring from the glass, the secondary notes of leather and grilled meat is sufficient to have us dive right into this melange of flavor.” - *Tasting Panel, August 2016*

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Leese Fitch Red Blend from the 2014 vintage is a strong blend of rich, fruit forward varietals. The Petite Sirah from Lodi and Clarksburg, adds an element of both warm and cold climate fruit, while the Syrah from the Dunnigan Hills, adds a blackberry fruit with a gamey edge. Paso Robles adds a dab of Syrah, Merlot, Petite Sirah, and Zinfandel to add some Paso Terrior and Lodi Zinfandel and Merlot softens the mouthfeel, adding some red berry notes. Merlot from Mendocino adds cooler climate notes with blueberry fruit and ripe tannins and Paso Barbera adds some berry fruit and softness. Lastly, Lake County Mourvèdre adds fresh fig notes and a slight fresh leather note, noticeable in the aroma and finish. The sum of all these parts creates a blend of dark black fruit with complex angles and finishes with supple tannins and bright acidity.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

This wine is a great aperitif with some cheeses and fresh fruit. With bright acidity and brilliant fruitiness, this wine is an easy pairing for many meals - grilled chicken over a spinach salad topped with strawberries and a balsamic vinaigrette, Hawaiian pizza with or without jalapeños or a garden fresh pasta sauce over your favorite noodle.

## BLEND

33% Petite Sirah, 31% Syrah, 13% Merlot, 12% Zinfandel, 5% Barbera, 4% Mourvèdre, 2% Tempranillo

## APPELLATIONS

27% Dunnigan Hills, 21% Lodi, 19% Paso Robles, 17% Mendocino, 12% Clarksburg, 4% Lake County

## ANALYSIS

pH 3.80  
TA 6.5 g/L  
ALC 13.5%  
RS 3.0 g/L

## UPC

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## SRP

\$12

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