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WINE OF THE WEEK: LEESE-FITCH FIREHOUSE RED 2014

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This California winery is named after the historical Leese-Fitch Adobe built in 1836 that is a landmark in Sonoma and named after brothers-in-law of the founder of the town.

Part of the 3 Badge Beverage Corp., the winery sources the finest grapes from California vineyards. This vintage is a blend of nearly equal parts of petite sirah and syrah with merlot, zinfandel, barbera and mourvedre, sourced from six different appellations. The result is a big and dry wine with rich red fruit flavors. Give this one time to breathe to allow the wine to open up.

Sherry: "Semi-dry and tannic with cherry and plum flavors." (3 stars out of 5)

Chris: "A leather and dusty aroma with flavors of raspberry and cherry and hints of vanilla with prominent tannins." (3.5 stars out of 5)

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