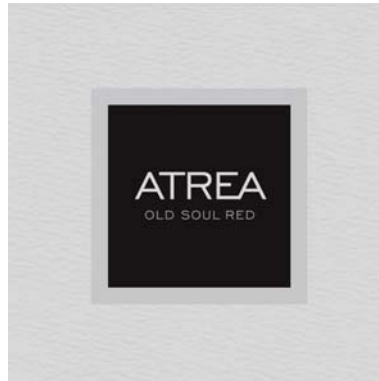


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## WINE 2004 ATREA 'OLD SOUL RED' MENDOCINO COUNTY



### **Vintage and Release Information**

Mendocino County Red Wine 2004

Released May 2007

Production of 2216 cases

### **Blend Composition/Technical Data**

37% zinfandel, 36% syrah, 16% malbec, 11% petite sirah

15.2% alcohol by volume

0.58 titratable acidity

pH 3.85

### **Vineyards and Harvest**

The grapes were harvested and field-sorted by hand at an average of 25.4 brix beginning with the zinfandel on September 14, 2004, and ending with the oldest syrah block on October 1, 2004.

One-third of the grapes were sourced from the organic vineyards on the Saracina Ranch; the balance were sourced from six other low-yield, sustainably farmed Mendocino County vineyards ranging in age from 11 to 86 years, including the oldest syrah planting in the U.S.

### **Winemaking and Cooperage**

The grapes were picked at full maturity, de-stemmed and gently crushed into fermenters. The must soaked at a cool temperature for four to seven days, at which point native yeast fermentation began. Post-fermentation maceration with heat followed for approximately one week. The wine was aged in Burgundian oak (25% new) for 14 months, which included six months of native malolactic fermentation. The blend was assembled and bottled unfiltered in early March 2006.

**Winemaker Alex MacGregor**

**Consulting Winemaker David Ramey**

### **Winemaker's Comments**

The soft, spicy aromatics of this New World-style blend introduce a supple, jammy fruit palate with a long, velvety finish. This wine yields aromas of dusty blackberries (zinfandel), rich, earthy soil (syrah), blueberry-pie (malbec), and a dash of pepper (petite sirah). The flavors range from black cherry and chocolate to dark spices and game. Our proprietary wine-making protocols soften the tannins to produce a polished young wine that's sophisticated yet approachable. This is a crowd-pleasing wine that can be enjoyed now or cellared.

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