

Tendu

MATTHIASSEN is a family endeavor, the effort of Steve and Jill Klein Matthiasson, and their two young sons. Steve & Jill both have had life-long careers in sustainable agriculture, and they apply those ideals of balance, restraint, and respect for the individual—and for the whole—to their wine. Their production is simple but careful. This concept is central to the tradition of viticulture and winemaking. Respect for this tradition forms the core of their work. To that end, their hands literally touch every vine and every bottle.



As a vineyard consultant Steve teaches and makes decisions, such as when to water and how to prune, on vineyards throughout Napa and Sonoma. Steve's current clients include Araujo Estate, Spottswoode, Chappellet, Robert Sinskey Vineyards, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Long Meadow Ranch, Trefethen, Limerick Lane, and others. On his own vineyards, however, Steve cares for the vines with his own hands, driving the tractor at night, and working with the crews on Sundays.

The Tendu line of wines began with an exploration of sourcing organic fruit from around Napa and Sonoma. First launching as a red and white table wine, the project has evolved to varietal wines including Vermentino, Cortese, and Marato. Due to the fervent fan-base the red blend will continue to be released.

“Tendu” Mataro



Varietal/Blend: Mataro (a.k.a. Mourvèdre)
Farming Practices: CCOF certified organic
Soil: pink, gravelly alluvial soils
Vine Training: Guyot
Harvest Technique: by hand on Sept 21st and 26th
Yeast: ambient yeasts
Fermentation: spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel at cool temperatures / finished in barrel
Malolactic: spontaneous malolactic
Maturation: 5 months in neutral barrels
Sulfur: minimum effective SO₂ added at bottling / 17ppm free SO₂
Vegan: yes
Alcohol: 10.74%
Acidity: pH 3.75 // TA 6.1g/L
Fined: no
Filtered: no
Country: United State
Region: California
Subregion: Yolo County, Dunnigan Hills AVA
Vineyard: Windmill Vineyard
Production #s: 490 cs

“Our second bottling of Mataro (Mourvèdre) continues to rear from the weathered, pink gravelly alluvium, very low fertility soils (Corning Series) of the Windmill Vineyard. The vineyard is located outside of Woodland (Yolo County; Dunnigan Hills AVA). It is of moderate elevation and it gets quite warm during the day. The vineyard is now certified organic (CCOF).”

– Winemaker’s Note