



## 2020 Ronin Red Blend

220 CASES PRODUCED

### About Kaena Wine Company

Kaena was launched in 2001 to showcase owner and winemaker Mikael's deep passion for winemaking, especially using his favorite varietal Grenache. Mikael who is part Hawaiian and raised on the Oahu shores, uses a shortened version of his given name for the brand – Kaena – which means “potential for greatness”. Known affectionately by his peers and fans as The Grenache King – Kaena produces 5000 cases of Rhone & other varietals with an emphasis on Grenache.

### Vineyard

34% Syrah, 31% Petit Verdot, 29% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc

- Tierra Alta Vineyard, Ballard Canyon
- Stag Canyon Vineyard, Ballard Canyon
- Estelle Vineyard, Los Olivos District

### Winemaking

In feudal Japan, “Ronin” was a term for a masterless samurai. The concept behind this wine was born when owner/winemaker Mikael Sigouin left his day job in 2014 to focus 100% on Kaena Wine Co. Ronin is a unique blend representing some of the best red wines from the 2020 vintage. Tierra Alta, Stag Canyon, and Estelle Vineyards come together to create a wine with amazing character and depth of flavor.

All of the grapes were harvested by hand under the darkness of night to ensure a cold entry into the winery. Each variety was then hand sorted, de-stemmed, and cold soaked for 2-4 days. Native yeast was utilized to showcase the unique terroir of the respected vineyards. The blend was then aged for 36 months.

### Tasting Notes

A lush nose of plum, blackberry, and blueberry along with aromas of licorice, crème brulee, herbs de Provence, and baking spices. Big upfront flavors of plum, blackberry, and huckle berry give way to a lush core packer with licorice, leather, blueberry, molasses, and savory spice. The finish is long with taught juicy tannins.

