

LEVIATHAN

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ETYMOLOGY: MIDDLE ENGLISH, FROM LATE LATIN, FROM HEBREW LIWYATHAN, DATE: 14th CENTURY

1. OFTEN CAPITALIZED: A MONSTROUS SEA CREATURE

2. SOMETHING UNUSUALLY LARGE OR FORMIDABLE

"Blending is one of the most enjoyable and most creative parts of the winemaking process. In producing our Favia wines, which are very small production wines from highly coveted sites, we always end up with many blending components of all different varieties. Fitting these together like a puzzle creates Leviathan. It allows us to push the envelope, try new things, and have an outlet to give people something unique and, frankly, pretty damn delicious."

-Andy Erickson

Vinified by winemaker Andy Erickson, Leviathan is a rich, full wine with vibrant texture. Its complex flavors are derived from a unique blend which highlights the best of California -- carefully fine-tuned each vintage to create a bold, rich, enticing wine. Though this uniquely blended wine is worthy of cellaring, it is intended to be consumed in its youth, showcasing its bright, fruit-driven character.

The imagery that best captures this wine is Leviathan -- a monstrous sea creature, powerful and mysterious.

2009 LEVIATHAN

28% Syrah
26% Merlot
25% Cabernet Sauvignon
21% Cabernet Franc

100% CALIFORNIA

Ever the brave oceanic beast, our 2009 Leviathan has been lurking in the tumultuous waters of Sirenum scopuli. Aromas of espresso, cracked peppercorn and shiso leaves exude from the glass. Succulent red currants, cassis and dark cherries lure one in, and delivers a smooth, decadent finish with hints of raw cacao, cigar box, pavement and rustic bramble pie. This new creation has found true varietal balance, encompassing all of our favorite oenological aspects: ruby-cyan hues, mouthwatering acidity, ample but rounded tannins, and a truly insatiable nature. Don't let this guileful creature slip away – acquiesce and delight in a glass... or a bottle now!