



## Evolution Big Time Red, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

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VINTAGE: Non-vintage dated

APPELLATION: American

GRAPE VARIETIES USED: Sangiovese, Montepulciano, Syrah and a touch of Evolution White

TYPE OF FERMENTATION: 100% stainless steel tank

AGING: 100% stainless steel tank for 6 months

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

DATE BOTTLED: Spring 2016

APPROXIMATE LIFESPAN IN A PROPER CELLAR: 5-7 years

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$15

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** For years, fans of our Evolution Lucky No. 9 White had been clamoring for us to blend its red companion. Actually, clamoring is putting it nicely. Evolution takes time. So when the time was right and a wine had evolved which would stand apart from the cluster of existing red blends, we pounced.

Our goal with this red blend is to make it like its companion – appear effortless, easy-to-drink and food-friendly but in reality be quite complex. This makes it fun. Fun to blend and fun to drink! This is a big red blend using a couple of traditional Italian varietals and one traditional French varietal. Also, like the French Rhône's we add a splash of white wine, just a small percentage of our Evolution Lucky No. 9 White, to bring in another layer of complexity that lifts the aromatics, color and flavor. All these aspects together showcase the evolution from old world wines to new world wines. Cheers!

**TASTING NOTES:** Evolution Big Time Red is now bigger and bolder than before. With the same components that you've come to love in this blend – Sangiovese, Montepulciano, Syrah and just a touch of Evolution Lucky No. 9 White, our winemaking team has reworked the percentages to create a bigger, rounder flavor profile. This wine is structured and rich with flavors of cherry jam, black cherry and black currants and hints of savory notes throughout the palate.