



Evolution Big Time Red, 5th Edition

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.