

# SOFIA Red

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Sofia wines have always been created as a gift from a father to his daughter. Francis Coppola Sofia Red continues this tradition with a wine that expresses Sofia's fondness for Rhône varietals, especially the blends she frequently enjoys when visiting France.

## VINEYARD NOTES

2013 marks the debut vintage of Sofia Red. The vintage was ideal for introducing this wine because the year experienced an excellent growing season. The fruit for this wine was grown in California's Paso Robles appellation, an area renowned for producing standout Rhône varietal wines. Sofia Red is composed from Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, three varietals typically found in Châteauneuf du Pape. 2013 has become one of the highest quality vintages we've ever encountered.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

What makes the Paso Robles region good for growing Syrah and Grenache is that while the days tend to be quite warm, the evenings can be chilly. This temperature differential helps the fruit achieve an optimal balance of lush, ripe fruit flavors countered by crisp natural acidity for good structure. Because we wanted to create a wine with lighter body and elegant fruit expressions, the grapes were harvested at a lower brix, fermented at a cool temperature, and aged in neutral wood so as not to mask the blend's pretty spice fragrance.

## TASTING NOTES

2013 Sofia Red offers delightful aromas of red cherries, pomegranate, and tea leaves with an alluring touch of tangerine. Soft and plush in the mouth while having a light, graceful balance, there are bright flavors of plums and boysenberries, aromatic spices and a hint of bergamot and cardamom. A lovely pairing for grilled salmon, linguine with pesto sauce or do just like Sofia, pair with dark chocolate with cocoa nibs.

<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Paso Robles
<b>BLEND:</b>	62% Grenache, 37% Syrah, 1% Mourvèdre
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	13.5%

