## THE VICE "THE TRI" BLEND, MAPA VALLEY, 2019

This special and unique wine combines two of my favorite vices: wine & triathlon. Triathlon is 3 distinctive disciplines and this wine is a blend of 3 distinctive grapes. In triathlon, you have to consistently train for a long season and excel at all 3 sports during a race to score a victory. As in triathlon, I've worked hard for the past 2 years to craft 3 unique wines from Napa Valley to blend this winner!

Malek Amrani, Winemaker & Team USA Triathlon, Duathlon & Aquathlon athlete

## "THE TRI"

"The Tri" is a blend of 18% Cabernet Franc, 52% St Laurent and 30% Malbec.

The inspiration behind the precise blending was the time % of each discipline in Triathlon at the 2016 Rio Olympics of my dear friend, World Champion and Team USA athlete Joe Maloy.

Each varietal was picked at its peak ripeness, fermented and aged separately.

Both Cabernet Franc and St Laurent grapes are from our Carneros vineyards with a micro-climate that is mainly influenced by the water of San Pablo Bay.

Malbec is from Oak Knoll District, in the heart of Napa Valley. Its vineyard is known for common temperature swings of 40°F between days and nights.

## TASTING NOTES

The lovely bouquet of aromas bursts focused notes of Morello cherry, blueberry and violets, while an edge of white pepper adds interest. The palate continues in juicy, peppery fashion with added notes of plum, pomegranate molasses and cacao. The finish is long with smooth tannins that also reveal leather and baking spice.

- 18 months of aging in fine French oak barrels (30% new)
- 320 cases of 750ml and 83 cases of 375ml crafted

• 14.2% Alc

Proceeds from this batch benefit the USA Triathlon Foundation

