

# Nice Winery

## 2016 Proprietary Red Wine - Bordeaux Blend

*Central Coast, CA*



**Awards: Silver Medal, Reserve Regional Class Champion**  
**2019 Rodeo Uncorked!** Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo  
International Wine Competition

### About the Wine

Each year, the Houston Rodeo Uncorked Wine Competition chooses a specific wine region to highlight for the annual contest. Wines from that region compete for additional awards and the right to be named Regional Class Champion. For the 2019 competition, the highlighted region was Central Coast, California. We are delighted that our first Bordeaux blend to include all 5 traditional grape varietals, produced with our friend and fellow winemaker Denise Valoff, was named Regional Reserve Class Champion amongst all of the Bordeaux style blends.

This blend of 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 7% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot, and 5% Cabernet Franc is a nod to the historic and famous wines of the left bank of Bordeaux. It was aged for 18 months in French Oak barrels. 2014 was an uncharacteristically warm and dry year in the Central Coast region that translated into a powerhouse of a wine with nice structure and silky tannins. This wine is ready to drink now and does not need decanting. Pair with beef bourguignon or blue cheeses.

**Tasting Notes:** Black Cherry. Blueberry. Blackberry Jam. Roasted Mocha. Caramel. Christmas Spices.

### About Ryan and Ian

Certified Sommeliers, Wine Educators, and Le Cordon Bleu-trained



Chefs, Ryan Levy and Ian Eastveld, are the “Foodie Superduo” behind Nice Winery. Their chef-driven wines have been lauded in Wine Enthusiast, awarded 94 point ratings, gold medals, and are featured on top wine lists. When not making their hand-crafted wines, the chefs

teach about wine and food at their Houston winery and tasting studio.



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