

OFB

Red Wine - - - - - 11% ABV Vintage 2021

GRAPE	Field Blend
REGION	Ohno Farm, Takahata, Yamagata

WINEMAKERS: *Hiroataka Meguro*

ABOUT THE WINE:

BOTTLES PRODUCED: 1,592

— A beautifully expressive light red wine from Yamagata, Japan, created in homage to farmer Masutashi Ohno and the diverse field of grapes he cultivates. This co-fermented field blend was organically farmed and vinified with native yeasts, without added sulfites or filtration. They don't really pay much attention to the relative proportions, throwing everything in together for fermentation. Fermentation begins through partial carbonic maceration and continues anaerobically until completion. In the glass, the wine presents a cloudy garnet hue and an aromatic profile bursting with pomegranate, raspberry, red currant, and acerola, accented by delicate floral notes. On the palate, the 2022 vintage of OFB is light to medium-bodied and gentle, with ripe red fruit flavors layered over soft minerality and forest-floor earthiness.

Ohno is something of a mentor to the Fattoria AL FIORE project, assisting them in their farming since 2015. He produces a number of the grapes that go into the Flagship Series of FAF wines and grows a diverse spectrum of grapes on his property, from vinifera to hybrids and Japanese varieties. The property is now led by his son and daughter in law, Yuji and Michiyo.

At 11% alcohol, it's a light, slow-drinking red that evolves beautifully over several days once opened. The blend elegantly marries the characteristics of both red and white grapes, offering complexity, warmth, and a soulful expression of Yamagata terroir. On the nose, it shows spicy stewed plums and baking spices, along with some volatile acidity. The palate brings tart red fruits and early plum skins, underpinned with cinnamon sticks. There is a lingering depth and a chewy, textural component. Best served at cellar temperature, it pairs well with grilled mushrooms, poultry, and lighter meats, and also drinks well with a slight chill. OFB is a wine of harmony and quiet depth, reflecting the land and people who brought it to life.



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