

TROUBLEMAKER

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BLEND 13

Comprised of varietals that flourish in Paso Robles' distinct growing region, Troublemaker consists of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. Syrah is the backbone of the wine, setting the stage for a fruit-forward style and a full body. Sweet and bright red fruit flavors of Grenache blend with the rustic and lively flavors of the Mourvèdre. The Zinfandel adds its signature zing to round out the blend and Petite Sirah contributes to the deep ruby color.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for Troublemaker are sourced from key vineyard sites throughout the Central Coast, adding to the complexity of the blend. The warm climate of Paso Robles – specifically Creston, El Pomar, and Estrella Districts add body and depth to the wine. Other Central Coast vineyard sites were chosen for their unique characteristics, including dry farmed Zinfandel from Lodi, and Petite Sirah from Suisun Valley ultimately leading to a more complex blend.

PRODUCTION

The grapes were harvested, crushed, then cold-soaked prior to fermentation in five-ton, open-top tanks, as well as and 20-60 ton closed-top stainless steel tanks for 7 to 14 days. Wines were aged in oak for a minimum of 15 months and a maximum of 27 months, depending on the vintage. All barrel aging was done in French and American oak barrels. Blend 13 was assembled in December of 2019 and was cross-flow filtered prior to bottling in late January 2020.

TASTING

This intensely rich wine is deep purple in color and radiates aromas of black fruit, cherry and spicy black pepper. On the palate, loads of vanilla, caramel and black currant gracefully evolve into soft supple tannins and a signature zing that balances the wine.

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VARIETAL(S): 48% Syrah, 26% Grenache, 17% Mourvedre, 5% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah

AVA: CENTRAL COAST (46% Paso Robles, 46% Arroyo Grande Valley, 3% Central Coast, 2% Monterey, 2% Suisun Valley, 1% Lodi)

HARVEST DATES: 10/12 – 10/13/2016 | 10/2 – 11/3/2017 | 10/19 – 11/8/2018

OAK PROGRAM: French & American Oak

TIME IN OAK: 15 – 27 Months

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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