

TROUBLEMAKER

BLEND 8

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

VINEYARDS

Our vineyards are primarily found in Paso Robles, which lies in the heart of California's Central Coast. We source grapes from a number of vineyard sites throughout the diverse appellation and seek a variety of flavors to make this blend. Because of their success, Rhône varietals are becoming increasingly popular in the Central Coast, while Zinfandel has been planted in Paso Robles for almost 100 years.

PRODUCTION

Upon harvest, grapes are crushed and fermented in five-ton open-top tanks and 20-60 ton closed-top, stainless-steel fermenters for 7 to 14 days. Wines were aged in oak for a minimum of 10 months and a maximum of 18 months depending on vintage. All barrel aging was done in French and American oak barrels, 15% of which were new. Blend 8 was crafted in spring of 2014 and lightly filtered prior to bottling in May of 2014.

MULTI-VINTAGE

Wine is best made when a winemaker has choices. This philosophy is evident in Troublemaker, a blend crafted from multiple varietals and vintages. The majority of the wine comes from the 2012 vintage, with a remaining portion coming from 2013 and 2008 - 2011. The younger wine (2013) brings forth a youthful vibrancy and freshness while the base vintage (2012) adds complexity and structure that completes the wine.

TASTING

Troublemaker combines elegance and power. Dark ruby in color, it displays robust aromas of ripe black cherry, vanilla, nutmeg and tobacco. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied with a velvety mouth-feel. Vibrant flavors of red berries and strawberry are layered with pepper, cocoa and anise. Displaying structure and balance, Blend 8 will age beautifully.

Appellation:

Central Coast – Arroyo Seco, Monterey, Paso Robles, San Benito County, Santa Ynez

Varietals: 46% Syrah, 25% Zinfandel, 14% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre, 5% Petite Sirah

pH: 3.80

Total Acidity: 0.60 g/100 ml

Alcohol: 14.5%

Production: 30,000 cases

