

# Austin Hope

2017 GSM

## *Vineyard Notes*

The 2017 Austin Hope Mourvèdre was grown on the Hope Family Vineyard, located just 20 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the Templeton Gap district of Paso Robles. The site's rocky soils of clay and limestone make it ideal for the Rhône varieties to which it is planted – Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Roussanne. Our Mourvèdre blocks are planted to three different clones in high-density, 5' x 5' spacing. The vines are managed carefully to keep cluster counts low, resulting in fruit with great intensity and rich berry flavors.

## *Harvest Notes*

The 2017 vintage began with reasonable weather throughout bloom and set. During the sizing phase, we experienced very warm weather that affected berry growth on many varieties. In mid-September, while harvest slowed due to moderate temperatures, the prolonged ripening period maintained vine balance and higher fruit quality. Overall, the 2017 vintage delivered yields slightly below normal while upholding our desired fruit characteristics and quality.

## *Winemaking Notes*

Grenache from the Tablas Creek Vineyard Selection (Beaucastel CDP France via Paso Robles), Syrah 470 (Garonne, France), and Clone 369 (Spain via France) of Mourvèdre were hand-picked and fermented in five-ton, open-top tanks separated by varietal and vineyard block. After daily pump-overs (for color and tannin extraction) for 10 days, the tanks were tasted and analyzed for their tannin and structure to determine the length of extended maceration. The wines were held on their skins for an additional 30 to 60 days before they were barreled down into 75% new and 25% once used French oak barrels and puncheons where they aged for 21 months. The wine was racked once during aging and a second time to create the final blend just prior to bottling in August of 2019.

## *Tasting Notes*

This Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah blend is another example of the Hope Families Estate diversity. Possessing a dense ruby hue, aromas of dark dried fruit and pencil shavings engulf your senses. On the palate dark fruit flavors of blackberry and currant continue through the entire wine, hints of savory spices enrich this full bodied wine as it finishes with acidity and freshness.



**VARIETAL(S):** 43% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 22% Mourvèdre

**AVA:** Paso Robles – Templeton Gap District

**HARVEST DATE:** 9/20, 9/25, and 9/26/2017

**OAK PROGRAM:** 75% New, 25% 1x used French Oak

**TIME IN OAK:** 21 months

**ALCOHOL:** 15 %

**PASO ROBLES DEFINED.**