

Aaron

2021 CITIZEN

62% Syrah, 38% Petite Sirah

PASO ROBLES

ABOUT THE WINE

Citizen is a wine that encompasses the things we love so much about Westside Paso Robles - that incredible combination of rich fruit and savory nuance, all wrapped up in a powerful wine built for the cellar. Petite Sirah brings freshness, dark fruit, and powerful tannins to the blend, which are a perfect compliment to the mid palate and softer tannins of Syrah. Syrah's spicy, meaty character are also a perfect counterpoint to the dense fruit of Petite Sirah.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Each of the vineyard lots were hand-picked and sorted twice prior to processing into small open top fermentors. Some Syrah lots receive small portions of whole clusters to enhance the nature spice of the variety. The fruit was cold-soaked for 4 days, followed by a warm (82-92F) fermentation with twice daily pumpovers and manual punch downs for a total of 25-30 days of skin contact. After a gentle pressing, the wines are transferred to 300L French oak hogsheads, 65% new for 22 months of elevage without racking. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of toasted marshmallow, bay leaf, blackberry, fig, and meaty bacon fat notes dominate the nose, while pepper, anise, and iodine undertones fill in the gaps. The palate echoes the nose to show familiar notes of peppery meatiness as a more Petite Sirah-driven fruit profile builds to show blackberry, dark cherry, and dried blueberry notes. Tea tree, chocolate, and soy nuances add complexity. Full bodied but elegant on the palate, it is persistent in its combination of fruit and savory nuances, with tremendous length and integrated oak.

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND: 62% Syrah, 38% Petite Sirah

VINEYARDS: G2, Caelesta, Zaca Mesa, Briarwood, Dusi

ELEVAGE: 22 months in 65% new 300L French oak hogsheads

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

PRODUCTION: 265 cases



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94-96+ PTS

~ BOUNDARIES ARE FEW ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED ~