

Aaron

2023 SAND & STONE

40% Grenache, 27% Petite Sirah, 21% Syrah, 12% Graciano

PASO ROBLES

ABOUT THE WINE

Sand & Stone is always our most vibrant cuvee due to the large proportion of Grenache. Grenache is one of our favorite varietals to work with as it absolutely thrives in the limestone soils of westside Paso Robles. Grenache's juiciness and fleshy structure interplay beautifully with the power and intensity of Petite Sirah, showcasing how we can bring tremendous freshness and drinkability to a rather powerful wine. Syrah lends great spice and mid-palate, while whole-cluster fermented Graciano lends a lift in aromatics and prickly acidity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Each of the vineyard lots were hand-picked and hand-sorted twice prior to processing into small open top fermentors. The fruit was cold-soaked for 4 days, followed by a warm (82-90F) fermentation with twice daily pumpovers and manual punch downs for a total of 25-35 days of skin contact. Lots were pressed directly to thick-staved 350L French oak puncheons, 35% new for 18 months of elevage without racking. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Super aromatic and pure, it bursts with ripe black and purple fruits—boysenberry, dried black cherry—layered with notes of white pepper, black licorice, menthol, and tea tree oil. Equally expressive on the palate, it delivers dark cherry preserves and grilled herbs, giving it a classic Châteauneuf-du-Pape profile. Both luscious in fruit and pleasantly spicy, it shows a medium+ bodied frame with balanced acidity and tremendous energy. The long finish reveals nuanced layers of fruit as youthful tannins emerge, extending its depth and length. A beautifully complex wine from an incredible vintage.

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND: 40% Grenache, 27% Petite Sirah, 21% Syrah, 12% Graciano

VINEYARDS: Maison Mason, Bas, Dusi, Caelesta

ELEVAGE: 18 months in 35% new thick-staved 350L French oak puncheons

ALCOHOL: 15.5%

PRODUCTION: 276 cases



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94 PTS

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