

# Aaron

## 2020 CITIZEN

60% Syrah, 40% 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 (82-90F) fermentation with twice daily pumpovers and manual punch downs for a total of 25-35 days of skin contact. After a gentle pressing, the wines are transferred to 300L French oak hogsheads, 60% new for 22 months of elevage without racking. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

### TASTING NOTES

The aromatics center around Syrah's deep savory tones - olive tapenade, camphor, bay leaf, toasted marshmallow, iodine, and cured meats. Supported by an intense core of black fruits, the retronasal character of the wine pulls you in. On the palate, Petite Sirah's huge core of vibrant black fruits (blackberry, plum, blueberry) leads to a dense mid palate that drives through with more aromatic flavors that dance between fruit and savory. Youthful tannins frame an ultralong finish that persists for nearly a minute.

### TECHNICAL DATA

**BLEND:** 60% Syrah, 40% Petite Sirah

**VINEYARDS:** Dusi, Briarwood, Paper Street, G2, Caelesta, Denner, Kimsey

**ELEVAGE:** 22 months in 60% new 300L French oak hogsheads

**ALCOHOL:** 15.4%

**PRODUCTION:** 241 cases



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