

Aaron

2020 MAUKA

48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Petite Sirah, 12% Petit Verdot

PASO ROBLES

ABOUT THE WINE

Mauka is a powerful wine that is based on the core structure of Bordeaux varieties, supported by the dense fruit and freshness of the Petite Sirah, which originates in the Rhone. It is a distinctively Paso Robles blend, where we are lucky to grow such a great diversity of varieties. We source from the Old Bailey Vineyard, which has the oldest Cabernet vines in Paso Robles, growing at almost 2000' elevation in the Adelaida district. This Cabernet Sauvignon brings richness, complex red fruits, and tremendous acidity and aromatics, while Petite Sirah provides the dark fruit, mid palate weight and juiciness. A small amount of Petit Verdot contributes firm tannins, an herbal lift, and blue fruits.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Each of the vineyard lots were hand-picked and hand-sorted twice prior to being fully destemmed into small open top fermentors. The fruit was cold-soaked for 4 days, followed by a warm (86-90F) fermentation with twice daily pumpovers and manual punch downs for a total of 30 days of skin contact. After a gentle pressing, the wines are transferred to 225L French oak barriques, 85% new for 22 months of elevage without racking. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

A strikingly aromatic wine, Mauka opens with redcurrant, blackberry, cassis, and cedar tones, dancing between the red fruit characters of Cabernet and the darker fruit tones of Petite Sirah. A rich, mouthcoating palate features sweet fruits, mocha, burnt brown sugar, and mint, supported by a strong mineral note. Lavish but well-paired oak cloaks the dense core of fruit and drives the mid palate, supported by vibrant acidity. Perky tannins hint at its cellaring potential.

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND: 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Petite Sirah, 12% Petit Verdot

VINEYARDS: Dusi, Briarwood, Bailey, Denner

ELEVAGE: 22 months in 85% new French oak barriques

ALCOHOL: 14.6%

PRODUCTION: 236 cases



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