

# KEOLA

## 2020 Red Wine

Paso Robles

### ABOUT THE WINE

Our second label wine, KEOLA is comprised of barrels and lots from the same vineyards that make up our top-tier AARON wines. We don't purchase inexpensive or lower quality fruit for this cuvee, rather it is comprised of extra barrels that simply don't find their way into the our top cuvees. This means that it is always a wine that massively overdelivers for the price, with a similar pedigree and attention to detail as our flagship AARON wines, but at a more approachable price point for everyday drinking.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Each of the vineyard lots were hand picked and 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 for a total of 25-35 days of skin contact. Extraction is performed by a series of early pumpovers, followed by hand punchdowns twice daily. Petite Sirah was 100% destemmed, while the Syrah, Mourvèdre, and Grenache lots were fermented with 15-50% whole clusters. Lots were pressed directly to French oak barrels and puncheons, 30% new for 18 months of elevage without racking. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

### TASTING NOTES

Loaded with fruit and spice, it opens with spicy wild berry, macerated black cherry, fig, white pepper, and summer bbq aromas. A powerful entry builds into a rich mid-palate framed by ripe blue fruit notes, loads of spice, and toasty oak. Youthful, firm tannins frame the back palate, as the dense, dark fruit clings to the palate and note of bacon and warm spice flow into the finish.

### TECHNICAL DATA

**Blend:** 46% Petite Sirah, 36% Syrah, 11% Mourvèdre, 7% Grenache

**Elevage:** 18 months in 30% new French oak

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Production:** 426 cases



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