

Aaron

2022 MAUKA

49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Petite Sirah, 14% 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 varietals. 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 (86-92F) 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, 60% new for 18 months of elevage without racking. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Bright, floral aromas of blackcurrant, blueberries, warm baking spices, and cedar. On the palate, Petite Sirah's dark fruits contrast with Cabernet's spice, showing layers of black cherry, dried blueberry, redcurrant, and watermelon. Notes of mocha, cedar, olive tapenade, and a hint of menthol add depth. Full-bodied yet fresh, it carries vibrant energy, with a long, lifted finish that highlights the warmth of the 2022 vintage.

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Petite Sirah, 14% Petit Verdot

VINEYARDS: Dusi, Briarwood, Bailey, St. Peter of Alcantara, Denner

ELEVAGE: 18 months in 60% new French oak barriques

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

PRODUCTION: 302 cases



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94 PTS

~ BOUNDARIES ARE FEW ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED ~