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The Arborist
2017 • PASO ROBLES

Vinous 90
A caretaker of trees, The Arborist pays homage to the iconic Paso Robles oaks.

This estate blend is made mainly of varieties grown in our Huerhuero Vineyard, located directly behind our winery in the rolling hills of Paso Robles. Here, warm afternoons and cool evening breezes shepherd the grapes to perfect ripeness.

The clusters were picked during the cooler morning temperatures and cold soaked for two days prior to fermentation. Various pump-over techniques were implemented during progressive stages of fermentation to enhance fruit extraction and balance out the tannin structure. The wine was then aged in both small and large format French, Hungarian and American oak barrels for 18 months in order to add complexity while enhancing a soft, velvety finish. This fruit-forward wine is a natural go-to for just about any meal.

Tasting Notes
COLOR: Garnet
AROMA: Cherries and plum with hints of juniper berry, fine tobacco and chocolate
TASTE: Medium body with dark stone fruits, soft textured tannins into the finish

Technical Notes
Harvest dates Brix
Vineyard Blend
Huerhuero Syrah 44%
Creston Petite Sirah 32%
Huerhuero Grenache 18%
Huerhuero Mourvèdre 6%

AGING: 18 months in French, Hungarian, and American oak barrels
BOTTLING DATE: 04.17.19
RELEASE DATE: 07.1.19
CASES PRODUCED: 4,345
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
P H: 3.86
TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.1 g/L

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