



2016 MOURVEDRE HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

DavenLore
winery

WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2016 I brought in 3 different Mourvèdre from 3 different AVA's (American viticulture areas) to see how each location might show for this spicy Rhône variety. Mourvèdre lovers can rejoice at the body and heft that the Horse Heaven Hills brings to this grape. Winemakers often use this grape to add spice to a blend and this one does not disappoint. Black Pepper, a Mourvèdre trade mark, is subtle at first but builds as the wine is exposed to your tastebuds. Smoke and spiced meats also round out the spice, while raspberry, cherry and Italian plum add to the freshness of this wine. The tannins are approachable and smooth which makes this wine extremely drinkable (if I was in Australia, I might say quaffable) but the finish lingers a long time as you experience the interesting nuances of this variety.

Gordon Taylor, Winemaker

VINEYARD

LOCATION: DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARDS,
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

PLANTED: 2007 **SOIL:** Warden fine sandy loam

LOCATION: ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD,
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

PLANTED: 1998 **SOIL:** Warden Fine Sandy Loam

WINEMAKING

MOURVEDRE- ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

HARVESTED: OCTOBER 18, 2016

BRIX: 25.8 **Max Temp:** 86 **YEAST:** ICV-OKAY

FERMENTATION: 7 Days **PRESSED:** OCTOBER 24, 2016

PETIT VERDOT - DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD

HARVESTED: OCTOBER 19, 2016

BRIX: 27 **Max Temp:** 81 **YEAST:** ICV OKAY/PDM

FERMENTATION: 7 Days **PRESSED:** OCTOBER 26, 2016

DURIF - ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

HARVESTED: SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

BRIX: 25 **Max Temp:** 83 **YEAST:** NT-116

FERMENTATION: 6 Days **PRESSED:** SEPT 8 2016

Mourvedre

Horse Heaven Hills

Wine Lore: One of the most interesting characteristics of Mourvedre is the peppercorn aroma typical of this grape variety. The amount of spice given to the wine allows it to stand on its own, but also serves as part of the "spice box" when wines are blended. Whether the peppercorn character is white or black, let this wine add some spice to your life.



TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL: 15.5%

FINAL PH: 3.7

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0

BLEND: 86% MOURVEDRE
8% DURIF

6% PETIT VERDOT

BOTTLED: JUNE 7, 2021

CASES PRODUCED: 86 CASES

FOOD PAIRINGS

French Lentils Provençal

Chinese Hot Pot

Bouillabaisse

Rigatoni with Braised Lamb

Ragu

Strawberry Shortcake