



2016 Akasha

Varietals: 100% Syrah

Vineyards: Shadow Canyon / Hawk's Hill / Bien Nacido

Fermentation: Native Yeast, 20% whole cluster

Barrel: 22 months 300L French Oak 60% New

Appellation: Central Coast

Alcohol %: 15.8

Production: 297 Cases / 72 - 1.5L Magnums

Winemaking

Since Torrin began with the release of our 2006 vintage, we've aspired to consistently produce a Syrah that comfortably takes a seat at the table with the greatest expressions of the varietal available. To achieve this we created Akasha, a tapestry woven together with the selection of our best barrels of Syrah. Over the years, Syrah from a variety of unique vineyard sites in the western hills of Paso Robles have proven themselves invaluable to this blend. For 2016 we are excited to have the privilege to include Syrah from the historic "Z block" of Bien Nacido Vineyards in the Akasha blend. What began as an expected addition to our Vicinaje Series of wines emerged as one of the most intriguing wines in the cellar and an obvious choice to accompany barrels from Shadow Canyon and Hawk's Hill Vineyards in this year's Akasha. This amazing marriage of Syrah from three distinctly different microclimates creates a stunning wine that will impress with a decant young, and, with time in the cellar, may very well develop into contention for our best Syrah yet.

Accolades

The first vintage released under the Central Coast AVA, as it includes fruit from Bien Nacido, Hawks Hill, and Shadow Canyon, the 2016 Syrah Akasha is as always 100% Syrah that spent 22 months in 60% new French oak. This saturated purple-hued beauty boasts a phenomenal bouquet of black and blue fruits, scorched earth, ground pepper, bouquet garni, lavender, and crushed rocks. Rich, full-bodied, incredibly powerful and concentrated on the palate, yet also perfectly balanced, it has plenty of gamey, marine-like nuances as well as classic Syrah peppery meatiness. It's another magical Syrah from Hawley that will probably merit a triple-digit score in 3-4 years and keep for over a decade. - **Jeb Dunnuck 98+ points**

The 2016 vintage for Paso Robles was a beauty and Torrin's Scott Hawley has certainly made the most of it. The 2016s are some of the finest wines in the vintage and you can't go wrong with any of them. The 2017s also showed beautifully, and while I think they're a small step back over the 2016s, they're unquestionably brilliant wines in the making. The Hawleys also recently completed construction on a new winery off Peachy Canyon road, with their 2017s being the first vintage made at the new facility. In addition to the Torrin releases, the Hawleys also release a great lineup of Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs under their Lagom label, which I've also included here.

Release Date – Fall 2019

Drinking Window – 2019 – 2029