



2016 Banshee

Varietals: 40% Syrah / 33% Mourvèdre / 27% Grenache

Vineyards: Kruse(Syrah) / Full Draw(Mourvèdre) / Four Hearts(Grenache) / Zimmerman(Graciano)

Fermentation: Native Yeast, Co-fermented Syrah & Mourvèdre, 20% whole cluster

Barrel: 22 months 300L, 400L, 500L French Oak 35% New

Appellation: Paso Robles

Alcohol %: 15.7

Production: 306 Cases

Winemaking

The 2016 vintage gave us the opportunity to create what may turn out to be our best Banshee to date. Remarkably fortunate timing allowed us to co-ferment Syrah and Mourvèdre, Grenache and Mourvèdre, and Syrah and Grenache from vineyard within the Willow Creek and Adelaida Districts of West Paso Robles. Following a nearly 5 week fermentation utilizing native yeasts, the lots were basket pressed and aged for 22 months in 300L French Oak barrels. The resulting wines are beautifully layered and complex. While unmistakably West Paso Robles in the texture and weight of the wine, its subtleties and nuanced aromatics and complexed flavor profile no doubt link The Banshee to its Southern Rhone stylistic roots. We recommend a few hours in a decanter to allow the wine to open up in its youth. For those with room in the cellar, this wine will age beautifully over the next decade.

Accolades

A blend of 40% Syrah, 33% Mourvedre, 27% Grenache aged 22 months in 30% new oak, the 2016 The Banshee reveals a deep purple color as well as powerful notes of blackberries, charred meats, roasted herbs, and dark chocolate. Rich, full-bodied, and locked and loaded, it hits the palate with a seamless texture, ultra-fine tannins, and a great, great finish. - **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 – Spring 2019

Drinking Window – 2019 – 2031