



2017 BANSHEE

Varietals: 40% Syrah/25% Mourvèdre/22% Grenache/13% Graciano

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

Appellation: Paso Robles

Fermentation: Native Yeast, 100% de-stemmed

Barrel: 20 months 300L French Oak 33% new

Alcohol %: 16.2

Production: 283 Cases

Winemaking

The 2017 Banshee is a wonderfully deep and complex wine. With time in the glass it unveils layer after layer of fruit, earth, spice and floral notes. In warmer vintages like 2017, late ripening varietals like Mourvèdre and Grenache truly shine. This fantastic maturity, paired with the diversity of the Willow Creek AVA which allowed us to pull mid-season ripening varietals like Syrah and Graciano from cooler pockets, delivers an impeccably balanced wine. With a bit of time in the cellar, this may very well emerge as the wine of the vintage. Each varietal was fermented separately with native yeast, aged for 20 months in 300L French Oak barrels, and bottled unfinned and unfiltered. While it will truly come into its own in the cellar over the next few years and will age confidently over the next decade, in the near term, the 2017 Banshee will no doubt show beautifully after decanting.

Accolades

The 2017 The Banshee is a Southern Rhône-like blend of 40% Syrah, 25% Mourvedre, 22% Grenache, and 13% Graciano. It's another plum/purple-hued 2017 from Scott that offers a great bouquet of blackberries, ground pepper, candied violets, and Asian spices. Showing a touch more meatiness and chocolate with time in the glass, it's full-bodied and has a rounded, seamless texture, great tannins, and a terrific finish. You could put this in just about any lineup of great Southern Rhône blends out there and it would do just fine. - **Jeb Dunnuck 96 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 2020

Drinking Window – Now – 2032