



2017 LE DEVOIR

Varietals: 76% Syrah / 24% Graciano
Vineyards: Bowker (Syrah), Denner (Syrah), Zimmerman (Graciano)
Fermentation: Native Yeast, 100% de-stemmed
Barrel: 22 months 300L French Oak 60% New
Appellation: Willow Creek District
Alcohol %: 16.1
Production: 264 Cases

Winemaking

For the spring 2017 Torrin release we are excited to introduce, “Le Devoir”. Our own mission statement reminds us that we are a winery dedicated to producing beautiful wines from the ground up. Meaning “the duty” in French, Le Devoir is a blend of varietals that complement one another so naturally and effortlessly we are virtually obligated to bottle this wine. The core of the wine is unmistakably Syrah with intense fruit, a savory mid palate and an impressive textual density. The Graciano complements the blue and black fruit profile and brings incredible length and freshness to the finish of the wine. Together they achieve a remarkable balance of power and finesse. The wines were fermented utilizing native yeast then aged in 300L French Oak barrels for 22 months prior to blending and bottling unfinned and unfiltered. Once again 2017 has given us wines that are fantastic early. Don’t hesitate to decant and enjoy Le Devoir over the next couple of years, or like all Torrin wines, age with confidence over the next decade.

Accolades

Based on 76% Syrah and 24% Graciano raised in 40% new French oak, the 2017 Le Devoir sports a healthy purple/plum color as well as a spicy, modern bouquet of ripe blackberries, blackcurrants, spicy oak, ground pepper, and smoked game. This full-bodied beauty has a stunning mouthfeel, ripe, polished tannins, and a great, great finish. It ranks with the top Syrah blends in the vintage and should evolve for at least 7-8 years.- **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 2020

Drinking Window – Now – 2033