



2017 SENESCHAL

Varietals: 78% Grenache / 22% Graciano
Vineyards: Zimmerman (Grenache & Graciano) / Four Hearts (Grenache)
Fermentation: Native Yeast, 100% De-Stemmed
Barrel: 19 months 300L French Oak 33% New
Appellation: Willow Creek District
Alcohol %: 16.1
Production: 230 Cases

Winemaking

The newest addition to the Torrין family of wines is the 2017 Seneschal. While Grenache is certainly the center of attention in this wine, it is the Graciano that does most of the heavy lifting. Grenache from head trained vines in slightly heavier soils delivers deep red fruits and a sultry palate presence. The Graciano then goes to work contributing blacker fruit notes and providing structure with density, tannin and acid. These key contributions, while less flashy, are instrumental in giving the wine balance, length and longevity. Each lot was fermented with native yeast in small open top fermenters. Upon completion of fermentation and a gentle basket pressing, the wines were aged in 300L French Oak barrels for 19 months. After bottling unfinned and unfiltered, the wines rests for an additional 15 months prior to release. The 2017 vintage has given us wines the will age beautifully over the next decade but are remarkably approachable in their youth.

Accolades

Grenache blended with a splash of Graciano, the 2017 Seneschal reveals a deeper purple color to go with full-bodied notes of blackberries, plums, peppery herbs, and dried flowers. This beauty is concentrated and rich, yet still just glides over the palate with a light, graceful mouthfeel. Drink this beauty over the coming decade. - **Jeb Dunnuck 95 points**

The 2016 vintage for Paso Robles was a beauty and Torrין'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 Torrין 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 of 2020

Drinking Window – 2020 (with a decant) – 2031