



2017 TSUNDERE

Varietals: 38% Syrah / 35% Cabernet Sauvignon / 15% Petit Verdot / 12% Tannat

Vineyards: Denner (Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, & Petit Verdot) / Hawk's Hill (Syrah) / G2 (Tannat)

Fermentation: Native Yeast, 100% De-Stemmed (no co-fermentations)

Barrel: 22 months 300L French Oak 75% New

Appellation: Willow Creek District

Alcohol %: 15.8

Production: 294 Cases

Winemaking

For the 2017 vintage of Tsundere we've opted to incorporate a bit of Petit Verdot. With its fantastic density and unmistakable floral violet undertones, this is sure to become a key component of the blend as we look to future vintages. At the core of the wine, Cabernet Sauvignon and Tannat contribute notes of Cassis, black cherry, with complexing herbal undertones. Syrah rounds out the palate with its signature richness and chalkier tannin profile while adding depth with notes of blueberry, licorice, and savory layers. Each varietal is fermented separately in small open tops using only native yeast. After nearly 5 weeks on skins the grapes are gently basket pressed. The wine is then aged in 300L French Oak Barrels of which 70% are new, for 22 months prior to bottling unfiltered and unfiltered. The 2017 is beautiful today, but will certainly reward those with the ability to cellar the wine for an additional couple years. Drink with confidence over the next 10+ years.

Accolades

The 2017 Tsundere checks in as 38% Syrah, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot, and the rest Tannat. This deep purple/plum-colored blend boasts loads of blueberry and plum fruits, spicy, floral, and meaty notes, full-bodied richness, building tannins, and a great finish. It has loads of upfront fruit and texture, yet still has plenty of underlying structure and depth. **Jeb Dunnuck 94 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 of 2020

Drinking Window – 2020 (with a decant) – 2033