



2020 TSUNDERE

Varietals: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon / 36% Syrah / 15% Petite Verdot

Vineyards: Denner (Cabernet Sauvignon & Petite Verdot) / Hawk's Hill (Syrah)

Appellation: Paso Robles

Fermentation: Native Yeast, 0% Whole Cluster

Barrel: 22 months, 300L French Oak, 90% new

Alcohol %: 15.2

Production: 320 Cases

Winemaking

The 2020 Tsunderere once again brings together Bordeaux and Rhone Varietals in a showcase that highlights the incredible diversity of west Paso Robles. With Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot representing the cooler Willow Creek District and Syrah from a warmer high elevation site in the Adeldaia District, the textural differences in the tannin structure of these wines provides considerable depth and intrigue across the palate. Blackberry, plum, Cassis, and Violets from the Bordeaux varietals are supported by Blueberry, licorice, baking spices and savory undertones from the Syrah creating multiple layers of intrigue as the wine unfolds in the glass. A portion of the Cabernet was co-fermented with the Petit Verdot with the balance of the Cabernet and the Syrah were fermented and aged on their own. Once again utilizing native yeast to complete the fermentations, cap management consisted of punch downs with a single delestage per lot throughout the 4-5 week process. The lots were then basket pressed and aged in 300L French Oak barrels, of which 90% were new, for 22 months. With an additional 12 months in bottle prior to release the subtle nuances of this wine begin to unfurl. While this wine is generally one that requires time, the 2020 vintage is showing remarkably well in its youth.

Accolades

N/A

Release Date – Fall 2023

Drinking Window – Now – 2033