



2017 JAMES BERRY VICINAGE

Varietals: 65% Grenache / 35% Syrah

Vineyards: James Berry Vineyard

Fermentation: Native Yeast, 15% Whole Cluster

Barrel: 22 months 300L French Oak 50% New

Appellation: Willow Creek

Alcohol %: 15.8

Production: 110 Cases

Winemaking

The Vicinaje Series of wines here at Torrin allows us to showcase special vineyards farmed by our friends and neighbors. The “James Berry Vineyard” resides in the heart of the Willow Creek District of West Paso Robles. One of the premier vineyards in the area, and the entire state for that matter, this fantastic site consistently produces wines of remarkable depth and intrigue. Coming in at 65% Grenache and 35% for 2017, the wine emphasizes the beautiful floral notes, red fruits and hints of dried herbs we’ve come to expect from our unique Grenache block. The addition of the Syrah provides savory undertones and layers of darker fruit. While the wine is powerful and persistent in its texture and length, upon introduction, it is highlighted by surprising grace and elegance. This makes for a wonderfully complex wine that will impress young and continue to develop in the cellar for over a decade.

Accolades

Scheduled to be bottled at the end of August, the 2017 James Berry Vineyard is a blend of 65% Grenache and 35% Syrah that was destemmed and brought up in 300- and 400-liter French oak, 40% being new. Its ruby red color is followed by a savory bouquet kirsch liqueur, ground pepper, dried violets, and earth. It’s rich, medium to full-bodied, nicely concentrated, and beautifully balanced. **Jeb Dunnuck 94-96 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 – Fall 2020

Drinking Window – 2020 (with a decant) – 2031