



2005 BEST BARREL BLEND



GRAPE VARIETY: 45% Mourvedre, 45% Syrah,
10% Grenache

VINEYARDS: Kokopelli Vineyard, Paso Robles
Paso Del Sol Vineyard, Paso Robles
Fralich Vineyard, Paso Robles
Cass Vineyard, Paso Robles

BOTTLING DATE: June 23, 2007

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

TOTAL ACID: 0.57 g/100ml

PH: 3.57

PRODUCTION: 500 cases

RELEASE DATE: May 15, 2008

RETAIL PRICE: \$32

WINEMAKING

- Destemmed without the crush rollers
- Fermented in a combination of open and closed top fermenters
- Fermented and aged separately on the lees for 16 months
- Blended and returned to age for an additional 4 months in barrel
- Racked and bottled unfinned and unfiltered

NOTES

Finally, all of the components come together, and we are proud to offer our first Rhône red blend. Mourvèdre from the Kokopelli Vineyard, with its hillside meter-spaced vines in central Paso, contributes a rich earthiness to the wine. This is balanced nicely by the structure and fruit core from two of our flagship Syrah vineyards. The Fralich Vineyard Syrah brings the tobacco and coffee, rounded out with berry and meaty notes from the Westside syrah from Paso Del Sol Vineyard. Finally, we get a little lift and black pepper spice from the dash of Grenache. Barrel aging in 35% new French oak adds a hint of toasty vanilla. This wine begs for smoky, hearty meats and sauces.

Drink now through 2015; recommend decanting in 2008.