

Crooked Path

2010 WANDERER



APPELLATION: Paso Robles, CA

COMPOSITION:

Grenache	52.0%
Syrah	36.0%
Mourvedre	7.0%
Petite Sirah	5.0%

WINEMAKING: About 95% of the fruit was yielded from our Sextant Estate Vineyard in Templeton. We added 5% Petite Sirah from Hames Valley to round out the blend by adding color and body to the wine.

TASTING NOTES: It is so satisfying to taste wines in search of something refreshingly new but, as it turns out, also reminiscent of what one likes in the first place. What may ring true for such wines of rare and/or familiar quality is that they are crafted keeping to mind exceptional viticultural practices and adventurous, but rigorous winemaking. For those who come across the 2010 Crooked Path Wanderer, the searcher will enjoy a well-honed and rugged wine that has concentrated flavors of kirsch, raspberries, and plums with notes of chewy mesquite and earthy loam. It's moderately tannic and has sleek body that grips the mid-palate as hints of cocoa and smoke make their way to the edges. The mark of this wine is that the amalgam of flavors are held together so well in its robust texture. Finally, there is an underlying acidity that gives the finish bounce in its last lingering steps.

COOPERAGE: 10% new French oak & 7% Hungarian oak aged for 23 months.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Malolactic Fermentation - 100%

pH - 3.85

Alcohol 14.6%

Total Acidity - .69

Residual Sugar - .33%