

L'AVENTURE ESTATE CÔTE A CÔTE



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L'Aventure Vineyard is set in the rolling topography of the Santa Lucia Mountain Range, Westside, Paso Robles wine region of California. The 127-acre property has multiple hills of various elevations, complex soils and excellent water drainage. This area sees drastic temperature variations with deep soils consisting of siliceous and calcareous shale with clay, metals and quartz. 100% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard. Very, very low yield: 1 ton per acre for Mourvèdre, 2 tons per acre for Grenache and Syrah. Fermentation: 41% in 1-year old French oak, 29% in new French oak, 18% in concrete tank and 12% in amphora. No fining, no filtering. Aged 14 months. Drink: 15+ years.

In 1982 following his oenology education in Macon, Burgundy, Stephan Asseo established Domaine de Courteillac in Bordeaux. Over the next 15 years, Stephan developed into an artisan winemaker of fastidious craftsmanship and gained a reputation as a maverick *vigneron*. In 1996, this led him on a quest for a great terroir, where he could pursue his ideal as a winemaker. After searching for over a year among the world's great wine fields, Stephan found Paso Robles. It is here he began his adventure, "L'Aventure." Now one of the hottest wineries in the up-and-coming region, L'Aventure has gained the attention of Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, which said: "Proprietor Stephen Asseo has emerged as a legitimate superstar in Paso Robles," adding that he's "a producer at the top of his game," making "world-class wines."

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:



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