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## **2017** RED BLEND

### THE WINE

A wine with personality to match its label: A deep garnet color opening with opulent aromas of ripe plum, cigar box and hints of leather alongside dashes of cocoa powder and vanilla. On the palate, succulent juiciness balances out firm yet fine-grained tannins. Dense flavors of red cherry and cinnamon create a medium, well-structured mouthfeel, with lively acidity that carries a powerful yet elegant sensation through the lengthy savory and spicy finish.

### THE PLACE

Paso Robles is situated along U.S. Highway 101 in the center of California's Central Coast, halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Warm, dry days throughout the summer make it ideal for growing big bold reds with no holds barred-like Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The warm climate—similar to the Napa Valley—builds power and structure in the grapes. Growing conditions in 2017 were steady with a warm spike in September that stalled many of the late variety grapes. Luckily, late season weather was dry and steady providing adequate hang time to the finish, resulting in concentrated flavor with exceptional fruit character.

### THE FACTS

- 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 20% Petite Sirah, 13% Cabernet Franc, 9% Tempranillo, 8% Syrah, 5% Zinfandel
- Aged 18 months in both French and American oak
- 100% Paso Robles, CA
- 14.1% Alcohol

