

Slope and Intercept

2013 Paso Robles Red

Varietals: 63% Zinfandel / 37% Syrah

Vineyards: The Zinfandel was sourced from Kiler Grove and the Syrah from Glen Rose, both of which are located in the Willow Creek AVA.

Alcohol: 15.4%

Cases Produced: 146

Vintage: 2013 was a classic Paso Robles vintage with warm days paired with cooler than average nights throughout the ripening period. A fantastic year for the production of rich, full red wines.

Production: Both varieties were picked at maximum ripeness to fully express the phenomenal vintage. Destemmed without crushing, the berries were fermented in 1-ton open top tanks with a combination of punch downs and delestage to achieve great extraction. The Zinfandel was left on skins for 18 days while the Syrah got a full 27 days skin contact before pressing. The 2 lots were racked to once-used French barrels and aged for 23 months before bottling.

Ageing: The high levels of tannins and total acid will allow this wine to age gracefully for 7-9 years.

Comments: Sit on a stool at the counter in your family's kitchen on Thanksgiving Day and let someone pour you a glass of this Zinfandel/Syrah blend. Make yourself a little plate of appetizers—sausage coins on toothpicks with spicy mustard, fancy crackers covered in seeds, cheddar cheese that crumbles when you cut it, mini yellow pear tomatoes—and sip this wine as you take it all in. Let the warmth of the house, the music and the conversation flow over you. Bring your glass to the table when you all sit down to dinner: this wine was made for tonight.

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