

SEXTANT 2015 'PASSAGE' GSM BLEND



APPELLATION: Paso Robles, California

WINEMAKING: Passage is our Syrah based GSM blend. The 2015 vintage is 73% Syrah, 15% Grenache and 12% Mourvedre. We age this wine for 19 months in 20% new French oak and 20% new Hungarian oak and bottle age for over a year before release. 100% sourced from our Estate RBZ Vineyard.

TASTING NOTES: The regional similarities between Paso Robles and the Southern Rhône of France are remarkable. Comparable limestone soils, rolling hillside vineyards, and warm sunny days result in optimal ripening for Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre. With the benefit of a masterful blend, as exemplified in the 2015 Sextant Passage, the connection is affirmed with a message in a bottle. Spicy black pepper, rosemary, and sage on the nose is followed by full-bodied textures of blackberries, boysenberries, and plum sauce on the palate. Hints of cinnamon, dried cranberries, and freshly grounded vanilla beans at the periphery add a bit of kick. A vigorous swirl in the glass and a firm swish on the palate reveal modulated tannins and steady acidity. The finish is plush and sumptuous as the flavors hesitate and dwell before dissipating.

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| TECHNICAL NOTES: | pH - 3.93 |
| Malolactic Fermentation - 100% | Residual Sugar - .059 |
| Total Acidity - .53g | Alcohol - 15.1% |

BOTTLED: May 10, 2017

SUGGESTED AGING: Enjoy now or cellar through 2026

A journey created, not long forgotten...



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