

# 2017 Backbone Syrah

ESTATE GROWN | PASO ROBLES, CA | GENESEO DISTRICT



CASS | WINERY

## Accolades

91 pts  
**GOLD**

Orange County  
Wine Comp.

*Tasting  
Notes*

Smoked plum, caramelized cherry, sweet paprika and dried jasmine flower captivate the senses. Dusted tannins blanket the palate, while finely edged acidity and graphite minerality lift dark fruit and spice characters center stage. Braised blackberry, vanilla bean and star anise overlay flavors reminiscent of beef jerky and fire-roasted peppers. The lingering finish offers an encore worthy of applause.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were fermented into 5-ton open top fermenters and pumped over multiple times per day to achieve maximum extraction, which was necessary to match the ripe flavors of the vintage. Aged for 22 months in French and American oak.



Varietal Composition: 100% Syrah

ABV 14.5%

Ageing Regimen: 22 months in French and American Oak

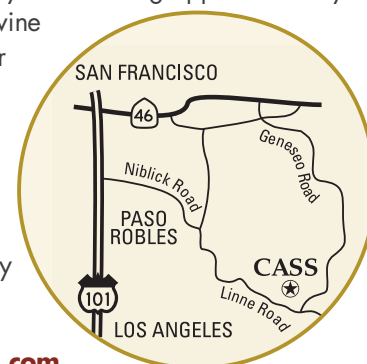
Production: 600 Cases

## CASS VINEYARD



Our DNA is from France...Established and planted by certified ENTAV clones in 2000, the CASS Estate Vineyard, which is located in the Genseo District, exemplifies the quality of the Paso Robles region with its warm days, cool coastal breezes, and exceptional soils. Deposited over centuries, the diverse alluvial soils make for an expressive site that produces fruit of incredible quality. A long growing season of warm days and cool evenings give rise to vibrantly ripened fruit with dynamic flavor profiles that translate beautifully in your glass.

As a family-owned 100% estate boutique winery, we are proud to continually push ourselves in the pursuit of excellence. Our tagline **"French DNA + Paso Personality"** is our philosophy: maintaining approachability and a down-to-earth charm, as we strive for excellence in all we do. Throughout history, fine wine has been both celebratory and connecting, as it draws people around the table. At CASS, our 145 acre vineyard of Rhône and Bordeaux varietals has become a place for drawing people together. It is this balance of vineyard and winemaking that has produced many 90+ point wines and the reason CASS was awarded **Winery of Year by the Central Coast Wine Competition in 2015, 2018 and 2020**. Through our Certification of California Sustainable Winegrowing, our farm-to-fork culinary experiences at our Café and elevated dinners, and our eco-friendly GENESEO INN, we look to elevate the Paso Robles wine country experience while maintaining a strong connection to the land.



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