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L'AVENTURE OPTIMUS 2013 PASO ROBLES

Stephan Asseo, owner and winemaker at L'Aventure Winery, began making wine in 1982 when he established Domaine Courteillac in Bordeaux. He and his family later purchased Chateau Fleur Cardinal (Saint-Emilion Grand Cru) and Chateau Robin (Cotes de Castillon). Over the next 15 years, Stephan developed into an artisan winemaker of fastidious craftsmanship, and gained a reputation as a maverick vigneron. However, his true desire was to be more innovative than AOC law would allow. 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. He immediately "fell in love" with the unique terroir. The rolling topography of the Santa Lucia Mountain Range, the deep calcareous soils, and the maritime influence of the renowned Templeton Gap all combine to produce a world class wine country, with the potential to craft some of the world's greatest blends. It is here, in Paso Robles, that Stephan began his adventure, "L'Aventure". His winemaking vision has quickly resulted in wines which have earned high scores and critical acclaim. Stephan Asseo, elected Paso Robles Wine Industry Person of the Year in 2014, is "Without a doubt, one of the Central Coast superstars and one of the references in California", according to Jeb Dunnuck (Wine Advocate)...



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Grape: 48% Syrah – 30% Cabernet Sauvignon – 22% Petit Verdot

Vineyard & Vinification Note:

100% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard

Very low yield: 2.5 tons per acre

60% new French oak and 40% 1-year-old French oak with malolactic fermentation in barrel

No fining, no filtering

Length of ageing: 14 months **Drink:** 1 to 10 years' time

Tasting Note:

Bright red and deep blueberry aromas underpinned by soft cola and faint graphite notes hint at the complexity that one finds on the palate. The fruit is seamlessly integrated, and the wine is long and well structured in the mouth.

Wine Advocate:

The estate's entry-level wine that's always based on Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, the 2013 Optimus offers lots of graphite, earth and peppery herbs to go with tons of red and black fruit characteristics. A full-bodied, rich and layered red that epitomizes Paso Robles, it has beautiful freshness, a silky texture and a great finish. Drink it anytime over the coming decade. **93 Points, - Jeb Dunuck, August 2015**

Food Pairing:

Perfect partner to a filet mignon and cheeses