



## 2018 PharaohMoans Paso Robles Syrah

The Syrah/Grenache Rhone-style blend from the Westside appellation in Paso Robles is composed of 92% Syrah and 8% Grenache. The 2018 PharaohMoans Syrah was picked from different parcels, each with unique terroir and exposure, giving the wine a beautiful complexity. The first two parcels, harvested on September 15, feature deep soils underlaid with limestone. The third parcel, with a heavier loam and clay profile, was picked two weeks later. Aged in 50% new/50% neutral oak barrels for 19 months, the wine presents with a subtle mouthfeel and a silky, soft finish. This wine will age beautifully for the next 8 to 10 years.

As you are aware, the PharaohMoans label is a replica of the Rosetta Stone, which in 1822 finally decoded the hieroglyphic script. The dull text (which refers to tax breaks for priests) was inscribed in three languages, Greek, demotic Egyptian and hieroglyphics. We've just learned about a recent discovery at the British Museum of a fourth language on the Rosetta stone. The relic was fought over by French and British troops at the end of the Napoleonic wars, and finally taken to London. On the side of the stone, painted in English, one can read, "Captured in Egypt by the British Army in 1801." We think our English label inspired them to check!

We hope you will enjoy this world class rhone-style wine. *Nunc Est Bibendum!* ("*Now we drink*")

"Lots of spice plums, orange blossoms, spring flowers, peach (I'd swear there was Viognier in this blend) and peppery notes emerge from the 2018 Syrah. An exotic, full-bodied, seamless Syrah with ripe yet pleasant tannins, no hard edges, and a great, great finish, it's truly brilliant and the finest I've tasted from this estate. All Syrah from a mix of sites on the westside of Paso Robles, brought up in 60% new oak, it's going to keep 10-15 years."

- Jeb Dunnuck, September 2020 – 98 Pts

