

Opolo

2019 GRAND ROUGE Rhône-Style Blend Paso Robles

Our 2019 Grand Rouge is an alternative Rhône-style blend of Grenache (48%), Syrah (29%), Cunoise (20%) and Petite Sirah (3%), composed of fruit from five select vineyards. Grand Rouge is Opolo's twist on the traditional GSM, using Cunoise as a differentiator to create a compelling and complex wine.

Vineyards

The 2019 Grand Rouge comes from select vineyards in both the coastal westside Adelaida District and inland areas of Paso Robles such as the El Pomar and Estrella districts. These vineyards combine to create different layers of expression, supporting the vision of Grand Rouge as a full-flavored Rhône-style blend with a light, elegant mouthfeel.

Winemaking

After harvesting, the fruit was cold soaked for three days for a gentle extraction of color and flavor. The different lots were fermented in a mix of open top bins and stainless steel fermenters over an average period of 10 days. This relatively quick fermentation was designed to lock in bright fruit tones and lighter textures in the established Grand Rouge style. The lots were aged in a combination of French (30%) and American (70%) oak barrels for eight months prior to blending. The final blend was then returned to barrel for another seven months for full integration prior to bottling.

Winemakers' Tasting Notes

The 2019 Grand Rouge opens with alluring aromas of smashed cranberry, clove and cracked pepper. The palate shows a rich density with flavors of smoked meats and leather transforming into tart cherry, vanilla and graham cracker on a smooth, integrated finish.

Varietal Composition

Grenache 48%
Syrah 29%
Cunoise 20%
Petite Sirah 3%

Appellation

Paso Robles

Sub AVAs

Adelaida
El Pomar
Estrella
San Miguel

Aging

15 Months (20% new oak)

Analysis

TA: .62
pH: 3.72
Alc. by Volume: 14.5%
Cases Produced: 1,728

