

LE VIGNE WINERY

VINEYARD SERIES 2016 ÂME DE LA VIGNE



VINTAGE

2016

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

37% Syrah, 37% Petite Sirah and 26% Grenache

APELLATION

Paso Robles

VINEYARD

100% Domenico Estate Vineyard

TASTING NOTES

Introduced by a myriad of harmonious aromas, including apricot, oaky tobacco, star anise and brown butter cookie. Decadent flavors of cherry, raspberry and grilled plum evolve into French vanilla, frankincense and mole sauce as the wine progresses across the palate. Lively tannins are presented alongside a soft finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

- Parched vineyards were soothed by rainfall during the winter and early spring.
- Temperatures peaked by July and turned to far milder conditions over the growing season than the years prior, cooling off after the start of harvest
- A slight break in harvest occurred in mid-September before the majority of grapes were harvested in October, distinguished by a heartening return to typical yields.

FROM VINE TO BOTTLE

We create this special blend by harvesting its constituent varietals on the day that optimal maturity is attained for all of the varietals. We monitor their blocks very closely to find that exact point and harvest them together, classifying it as a field blend. The Syrah, Grenache, and Petite Sirah harmonize beautifully in their portrayal of Rhône varietal characteristics while displaying the unique influence of Paso Robles' terroir.

CASE PRODUCTION

303 cases bottled on July 12, 2018

HARVEST

September 23, 2016 at 24.9 avg. Brix

COOPERAGE

Aged 20 months in 17% new American oak with medium toast

CHEMISTRY

ALCOHOL	14.4%	RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.51 g/L
PH	3.56	TITRABLE ACIDITY	6.8 g/L

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

90 Points – *Wine Enthusiast*, June 2019

92 Points – *Vinous*, 2020

Gold – 92 Points – *BTI Tastings Wine Review*, 2019