

PASO ROBLES TOOTH+NAIL

2021 Tooth & Nail The Possessor

Winemaking

The 2021 vintage of “The Possessor” is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (79%), Petite Sirah (12%), Malbec (6%) and Petit Verdot (3%) from the Tooth & Nail estate in the Willow Creek District and Chaparral Vineyard in the El Pomar District. After night harvesting, each varietal lot was destemmed and fermented separately in a mix of 42-hectoliter oak foudres, stainless steel tanks and concrete tanks. Primary fermentation spanned seven to 10 days until each lot achieved ideal phenolic composition. After pressing, the wines were barreled down for the balance of fermentation and aging. The Bordeaux varieties were aged for 12 months in French oak barriques (35% new oak), while the Rhône varieties were aged in 500-liter French oak puncheons. The final blend was raised in stainless steel for an additional three months prior to being bottled unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

Undeniably driven by Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2021 vintage of “The Possessor” expresses aromatics of cassis, blue fruit, cocoa powder and graphite. The flavor profile introduces black and caramelly fruit flavors structured by fresh acidity and ample tannins. Notes of chocolate and blue fruit emerge on a full, lengthy finish. While approachable now, this powerful blend will also reward careful cellaring over the next five to twelve years.

Tooth & Nail Audubon Series

Powerful, elegant and unconventional blends with labels inspired by the art of naturalist John James Audubon.



Appellation: Paso Robles

Harvest Dates: October 7 – November 3, 2021

Aging: 15 months in French oak barriques, oak puncheons and stainless steel

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3.781

TA: .64 g/100 ml

Production: 3,525 cases

