

TROUBLEMAKER

RED BLEND

BLEND 11

Comprised of varietals that flourish in Paso Robles' distinct growing region, Troublemaker consists of Syrah, Grenache, Petite Sirah, Mourvèdre and Zinfandel. Syrah is the backbone of the wine, setting the stage for a fruit-forward style and a full body. Petite Sirah contributes to the deep ruby color. Sweet and bright red fruit flavors of Grenache blend with the rustic and lively flavors of the Mourvèdre, while Zinfandel adds its signature zing to round out the blend.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for Troublemaker are sourced from key vineyard sites throughout the Central Coast, adding to the complexity of the blend. The warm climate of Paso Robles – specifically El Pomar, Estrella and Templeton Gap Districts add body and depth to the wine, while other Central Coast vineyard sites were chosen for their unique characteristics, ultimately leading to a more complex blend.

PRODUCTION

The grapes were harvested, crushed, then cold-soaked prior to fermentation in five-ton, open-top tanks, as well as and 20-60 ton closed-top stainless steel tanks for 7 to 14 days. Wines were aged in oak for a minimum of 14 months and a maximum of 26 months, depending on the vintage. All barrel aging was done in French and American oak barrels, 30% of which were new. Blend 11 was first assembled in January 2017 and was cross-flow filtered prior to bottling in late April 2017.

TASTING

Troublemaker Blend 11 has an opaque purple-black color and is bursting with jammy black fruits like boysenberry and blackberry, along with a spicy raspberry note. The juicy fruit notes are accentuated by underlying tones of smoke, pink peppercorns, green tobacco leaves, dark roasted coffee and dark chocolate. Velvety tannins and balancing acidity bring out the vibrant fruit character of this complex blend.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal Breakdown: 57% Syrah, 15% Grenache, 11% Petite Sirah, 10% Mourvedre, 7% Zinfandel

AVA: 95% Central Coast, 5% San Luis Obispo County

- Central Coast: 49% Paso Robles, 33% Central Coast, 6% San Benito County, 4% Santa Ynez Valley, 2% Hames Valley

Oak Program: 30% new French Oak and American Oak

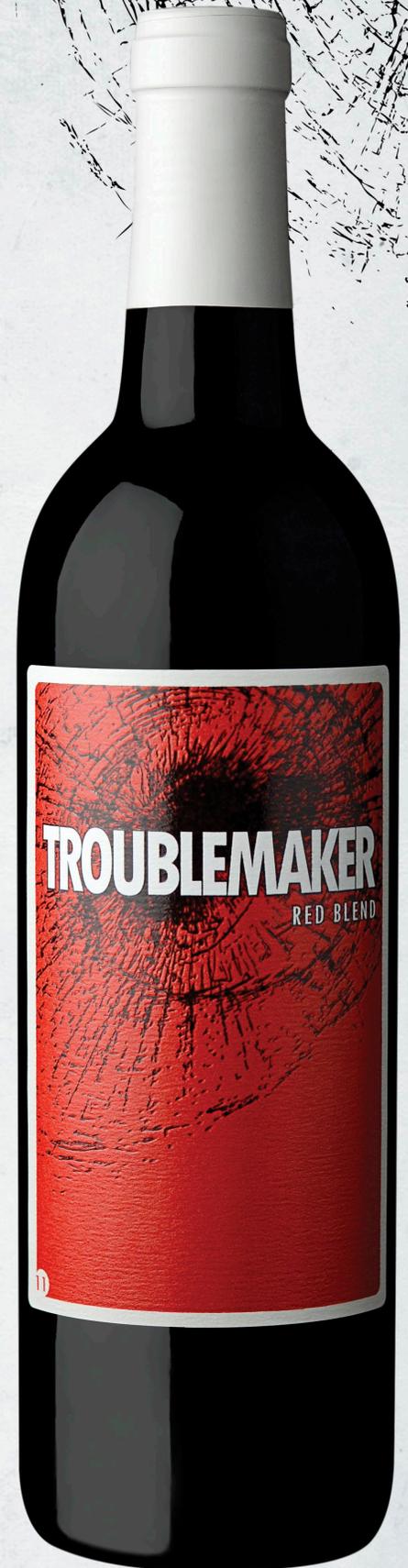
Length of time in Oak: 14 to 26 months

Filtered: Crossflowed

Bottled: April 18 - 20, 2017

Production: 8,202

Alcohol: 14.5%



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