

2017 Wrath Destruction Level, Syrah-Grenache Monterey



Tasting Notes: In antiquity, the wrath of a victorious army often left cities burnt to the ground, the charred remnants of once great civilizations. Thousands of years later, these events show up as dark carbon-filled strata, or destruction levels, in the archaeological record. The subtle smoky quality that permeates our Wrath Destruction Level Rhone Blend—which utilizes 20 percent whole cluster fermentation and only 20% new French oak to preserve the inherent quality of the grape—is an ode to the smoke-filled smell of victory that is still perceptible in the soil. Our 2017 Destruction Level is undeniably greater than the sum of its parts. As with past vintages, this red Rhone blend is composed of Syrah and Grenache from colder sites throughout Monterey County. Inky and intense, this blend is upfront with mulled dark fruit, soy and earthy undertones. The palate is generous and seamless with mulberry, cola and a long lively finish.

Technical Data:

Vineyards	San Saba, Ventana
AVA	Monterey
Clones	50% Syrah, 50% Grenache
Oak	French oak, 20% new
Alc.	14.6%
Cases produced	107

Accolades:

2017	92 pts	Vinous
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2015	90 pts	Jeb Dunnuck
2014	92 pts	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate
2013	92 pts	International Wine Review
	91 pts	"great depth" Wine Enthusiast