

2020 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 30% new French oak—is an ode to the smoke-filled smell of victory that is still perceptible in the soil. Our 2020 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:

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| Vineyards | San Saba, Ventana |
| AVA | Monterey |
| Clones | 37% Syrah, 63% Grenache |
| Oak | French oak, 30% new |
| Alc. | 14.6% |
| Cases produced | 185 |

Accolades:

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| 2020 | 95 pts | “Cellar Selection” Wine Enthusiast |
| | 91 pts | “Best Buy” Connoisseur’s Guide |
| 2019 | 93 pts | Wine Enthusiast |
| | 91 pts | International Wine Review |
| 2018 | 93 pts | Vinous |
| 2017 | 92 pts | Vinous |
| 2016 | 91 pts | Vinous |