



Stephan Asseo, owner and winemaker at L'Aventure Winery, began making wine in 1982. In that same year, Stephan established Domaine de Courteillac in Bordeaux. He and his family later purchased Chateau Fleur Cardinal and Chateau Robin in the Cotes de Castillon in Bordeaux. Over the next 15 years, Stephan developed into an artisan winemaker of fastidious craftsmanship and gained a "maverick" reputation. His true desire was to be more innovative than AOC law would allow. In 1996, this led him, his wife Beatrice and their 3 children, on a journey to pursue his ideal as a winemaker. In 1997, after one year of research, they fell in love with a unique terroir in the west side Paso Robles. And L'Aventure began in 1998!

ESTATE RESERVE 2022

Bottled July 2024

55% Syrah, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot

100% Estate Grown Fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard

Very Low Yield: 1.5 To 2 Tons Per Acre (with 2100 vines per acre)

83% New French Oak, 17% 1-Year Old French Oak with Malolactic Fermentation in Barrel

No Fining, No Filtering

Length Of Aging: 21 Months

Drink Window: 20+ Years

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Renamed due to confusion in the market (largely in the export market), the 2022 Estate Reserve checks in as 55% Syrah, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot that will spend 18 months in 70% new French oak. It has a beautiful dark purple hue as well as a great perfume of cassis and black raspberry fruits, ground pepper, violets, graphite, and hints of chalky minerality. It's rich, full-bodied, has beautiful mid-palate depth and concentration, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's going to be one of the longer-lived wines in the vintage.

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A complex and inviting nose of mulberries, black olives, dried herbs and game meat. The palate is full-bodied with chalky tannins and energetic acidity, showing notes of blackcurrants, cedar, tobacco leaves and earth. The flagship wine of the estate that was once called Estate Cuvee, but from 2022 onward is named the Estate Reserve. Made from a blend of 55% Syrah, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon and 12% Petit Verdot. Incredibly complex and masterfully constructed. Drinkable now, but best from 2028.