Sextant 2008 'Night Watch' Proprietary Red





APPELLATION: Paso Robles, CA

WINEMAKING: Ripe Petite Sirah from Hog Canyon and San Miguel paired with old vine Westside Zinfandel from Willow Creek and AJB Vineyards makeup the backbone of this blend with Syrah and Grenache coming from the "El Pomar District' in Templeton. Barrel Aged 11 months: 20% Eastern European, 15% New French Oak, 5% New American Oak. Blended with Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Syrah.

TASTING NOTES: There's a vibrant and teeming expression of fruits in this wine. The deep crimson complexion and the lifted aromas beguile the senses. Ripe blackberries, dark plums, and juicy strawberries are layered with lively notes of crushed black pepper, spicy sage, and dark artisan chocolate. The fresh acidity integrates the varied flavors into a spirited blend. Finally, agile tannins delight the mid-palate towards the savory, silky, and vigorous finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Total Acidity - .58g

pH - 3.83

Malolactic Fermentation - 100%

Residual Sugar - .11 Alcohol - 15.5%

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A critic favorite that expresses silky tannins and sophistication unheard of for Zin and Petite Sirah . . . It simply does not get much better.



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