Sextant 2011 'CAVERIO' GSM BLEND





APPELLATION: Paso Robles, California

VARIETY: 67% Grenache, 22% Syrah, 11% Mourvedre.

WINEMAKING: The fruit was sourced from our estate vineyard in the El Pomar district of Paso Robles. After harvest, the fruit was sorted and gently destemmed into small 1.5 ton fermenters. After a 2-3 day cold soak the fermentation was inoculated. At around 3 Brix the free run was drained and the must gently pressed directly to barrel where it underwent Malo-lactic fermentation. The wine aged for 22 months in 20% new French oak.

TASTING NOTES: The 2011 Caverio is an enticing aromatic and full-bodied blend. Raspberries, strawberries, and dark ripe plums are well-structured and potent at the core. While fragrant spices -- thyme, cassis, and anise -lift the blend with elegance, pliable tannins support the roundness of fruit. Underlying acidity provides bounce on the palate and harmony to the profile as the sinewy finish reveals sage, tar, and underbrush accents.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

pH - 3.6

Malolactic Fermentation - 100%

Residual Sugar - .26

Total Acidity - .67g

Alcohol - 14.9%

BOTTLED: September 12, 2013

Suggested Aging: Enjoy now or cellar through 2016.

ACCOLADES: 90 Points Wine Enthusiast



