

SEXTANT 2011

'PORTOLAN' GSM BLEND



APPELLATION: Paso Robles, California

VARIETY: 48% Syrah, 24% Petite Sirah, 18% Mourvedre, 10% Grenache.

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 with some of the Syrah going into an open top new French Puncheon. After a 2-3 day cold soak the fermentation was inoculated. At around 2 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 48% new French and 24% new Hungarian.

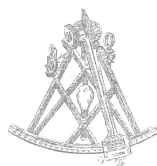
TASTING NOTES: The 2011 Portolan exemplifies the venerable GSM trio of varietals, a revered tradition of Southern France, with distinct Paso Robles character. It is focused and flavorful, brimming with ripe blackberries and luscious cranberries merged with layers of black tea, black currants, and cinnamon. Soft tannins stretch the profile as kirsch, nutmeg, and leather nuances become evident. Dark artisan chocolate, scented mint, and finely-ground black pepper linger pleasantly on the savory finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES:	pH - 3.74
Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Residual Sugar - .31
Total Acidity - .65g	Alcohol - 14.9%

BOTTLED: September 11, 2012

SUGGESTED AGING: Enjoy now or cellar through 2019.

*Chartered perfection that began in the
vineyard and perfected in barrel*



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