SEXTANT 2012 'PORTOLAN' GSM BLEND





APPELLATION: Paso Robles, California

Winemaking: Aged 19 months in 56% new French oak. The base of this blend, 30%, was a co-fermentation of whole cluster Syrah and destemmed grencahe in small open top fermentations which were punched down by hand 2-3 times per day during primary fermentation. After primary fermentation this portion was aged in a new 500L French puncheon.

Tasting Notes: It starts with a rush of cherries and strawberries flowing into a silky frame at the mid-palate. Dark plums and smooth espresso notes give roundness and depth. Inviting mesquite and forest floor undertones integrate with smooth tannins for sumptuous balance and a gliding finish. Pair with a cut of a New York steak grilled to order, roasted tomatoes, bell peppers, and porcini mushrooms on a skewer, or spicy Calabrese Salame with aged Gruyere for hors-d'oeuvres.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Total Acidity - .57g

pH - 3.79

Malolactic Fermentation - 100%

Residual Sugar - .18 Alcohol - 14.9%

BOTTLED: August 8, 2014

ACCOLADES: 92 points Wine Enthusiast

Suggested Aging: Enjoy now or cellar through 2020+.

Chartered perfection that began in the vineyard and perfected in barrel



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