

MAHA



"Lastly, the 2020 Backlit is a Syrah-based effort that also includes a mix of Petite Sirah, Mourvèdre, Carignan, and Grenache. It's another killer bottle of wine offering remarkable purity and vibrancy in its darker berry fruits, pepper, violets, and gamey, meaty, iron-laced aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, concentrated, and powerful, it nevertheless stays flawlessly balanced and has gorgeous tannins as well as a great finish. It's another one of the gems in the vintage and is a shockingly good 2020."

96 pts - Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2020 Backlit is elegant from the start, blending ripe blackberry, sweet herbs and blue flowers. Silky-smooth yet energetic in feel, this flows across the palate with ease, slowly drenching the senses in youthful concentration. There is simply so much going on here, finishing tremendously long and full of tension, with building tannins that clamp down hard. Yet through it all, a redeeming note of Violette Pastille lingers on. This is the first vintage of Backlit where Syrah takes the lead, balancing out as a blend of 33% Syrah, 26% Carignan, 18% Mourvèdre, 16% Petite Sirah and 7% Grenache."

95 pts - Vinous Media

Backlit, 2020

Blend: 33% Syrah, 26% Petite Sirah, 18% Mourvedre, 16% Carignan, 7% Grenache

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic Wine. Demeter Biodynamic and CCOF Organic Grapes.

Appellation: Adelaida District, Paso Robles

Harvest: September 12th - 23rd, 2020

Vinification: Native yeast fermented in concrete with a variety of pump overs and punch downs depending on desired extraction for 20-36 days. Basket pressed into a selection of French barriques and puncheons (33% new). 15% whole clusters. Aged for 20 months.

Tasting Notes:

Aromatics - Dark fruits, forest floor, orange pekoe tea and herbs. Rough and tumble.

Palate Impression - Chocolate, blackberry and bramble come together creating a balance of texture and tension. Persistent.

ABV: 14.8%

PH: 3.70

Bottled: 7.20.22