

BLEND: 41% Mourvèdre, 40% Grenache, 15% Counoise, & 4% Syrah

AVA/VINEYARD: Red Mountain AVA, Red Heaven Vineyard

HARVEST DATE: 10/11/17 - 10/28/17; 627 cases produced

ABV: 14.5% pH: 3.67 TA: 5.3

RETAIL: \$44/ bottle

WALLS

2017 THE RAMPARTS

Behind the Name

Ramparts are defensive walls built to protect something of great value.

In this case, the walls are glass, and the treasure – a compelling blend of Mourvèdre, Grenache, Counoise and Syrah. This wine was first made in the 2013 vintage, as a celebration of the joy of collaboration between friends.

Production

Red Heaven Vineyard is located in the Red Mountain AVA where diurnal shifts allow for sugar production during the warmer hours of the day, and balancing acidity with the cooler evening air (sometimes a 40 degree drop in temperature from day to night).

Fermented in 63% concrete - 37% stainless Aged in 76% neutral French oak and 24% new French oak, 50% large format barrels

Taste

Aromas of dark fruits and baking spices lead to flavors of blackberry and cherry cola mingled with coffee, leather and coriander notes. Nice acidity and light tannins. This is a slightly lower alcohol offering than previous vintages, but there is a nice ripeness to the 2017 Ramparts.

Pairing

The balance in this wine truly allows it to pair with a wide variety of dishes.