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VINEYARDS

2015 MOURVÈDRE

LEPARD VINEYARDS
TEXAS HIGH PLAINS



100% Mourvèdre | Lepard Vineyards | Brownfield, TX

Alcohol: 14.1%	pH: 3.59
TA: 7.1	RS: 0.0
VA: 0.76	Malic Acid: 0.0

Aging: Oak fermented with 30 day extended maceration + 18 mos. neutral French oak barrels
97 cases produced
Bottled: 1/6/17

Lepard Vineyards is located in Brownfield, TX on the outer edge of town, which is a couple of degrees warmer than rest of Terry County because of thermal warming. Mourvèdre vines love the hot sun and good irrigation. The grapes are of Spanish origin and grown all around the world, especially well known in the Rhone and Provence regions of France. Known for its medium to full body, good acidity and good tannins, it is not always made as a single varietal wine and known mostly as a major part of a GSM blend. Why have we made it into its own wine? We believe Mourvèdre is a grape that truly shows what Texas vines can do and deserves to be highlighted on its own.

A striking and reflective ruby color with a purple sheen—I love that this wine has intensity and depth but also translucency at the same time. Sweet and ripe black and red plums, dewberries, and pomegranate syrup fill my nose as well as sweet violet petals and subtle barnyard. The oak notes of cherry tobacco, vanilla bean, and nutmeg warmly snuggle the fruit like a fall sweater. The fruit and oak are learning how to dance together on the palate – while enjoyable now, they are poised for more elegance with maturity. I look forward to drinking in 5-10 yrs! -June Rodil, Master Sommelier

BBQ | Short Ribs | Mushrooms | Pork Sausage | Lamb | Veal | Rosemary | Thyme | Lavender | Soy Sauce

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