

2020 AVIATOR

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

221 Cases | Bottled April 15, 2022
Suggested Retail: \$20

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WINERY

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Flying Cloud wines are produced at Stephen Ross Wine Cellars, and the name Flying Cloud pays tribute to the Eden Prairie airport in winemaker Stephen Ross Dooley's home state of Minnesota.

VINTAGE

This is a blend of North San Luis Obispo County (Paso Robles) and South San Luis Obispo County (Edna Valley). Each region experienced below average amounts of rainfall totals from the 2019/2020 winter. In general, this was a slightly warmer than average growing season with two minor heat spikes at 100 degrees F on August 14 and September 6. After mid-September, the harvest weather was ideal, with consistent mild temperatures. We had the luxury to bring in fruit at a manageable pace, at ideal sugar and acid levels, over the duration of the long harvest season, starting in early September and continuing

WINEMAKING

The Aviator blend was made using classic Burgundian methods of production; the grapes were de-stemmed and crushed into small stainless-steel tanks, pumped over and punched down daily during the peak of fermentation, 12 to 14 days of skin contact, lightly pressed with a state-of-the-art stainless-steel basket press, and aged in neutral French oak barrels for eighteen months.

Appellation:

Edna Valley (56% - Pinot Noir)
Paso Robles (44% - Petite Sirah)

Varieties:

56% Pinot Noir, 44% Petite Sirah

Fermentation:

Fermented in small open top stainless-steel refrigerated tanks.

Aging:

Aged in 2-4 times filled French oak barrels 18 months.

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
14.0%	3.66	5.60 g/L



TASTING NOTES

Deep, dark ruby red color. Red berry fruit aromas reminiscent of blackberry and mulberry. Rich, robust tannins, the flavors are like black cherries, spicy wood notes and cocoa.