



**2017 Posada
Port-Style
Sierra Foothills**

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Harvest

28.0% Touriga Nacional
24.0% Tinta Ruiz
23.0% Touriga Francesca
14.0% Tinta Cão
11.0% Souzão

Wine

Alc. 18.2%
pH: 3.65
Total Acidity: 0.65 gm/100ml
Residual Sweetness: 8.0%
Bottling date: 8 Nov. 2019

Winemaking Notes

The Spencer family of St. Amant Vineyards have been long time friends and contemporaries of ours. Their thirty acre vineyard in the Jackson Valley of Amador County has the perfect micro-climate for the production of outstanding Portuguese varieties of grapes. After grafting some Zinfandel to port varieties in 1978, St. Amant Vineyard became nationally known for the outstanding quality fruit the vineyard produces. As it is available only in very limited quantities we are very pleased to be able to continue getting their fruit.

In California there has been a long misunderstanding of the production of Vintage Ports. The sweetness of the Port is not a factor of using extremely ripe grapes (+30%) but a stoppage of the fermentation of normally harvested fruit brix (24% - 26%). I feel that it is important to utilize the varieties that have traditionally gone into Portuguese wines. The results are in the fresh fruit aromas of our Port-style wine and not the raisined, pruned character that so many California wines display.

Our selection of fortifying spirits is also very important. We look for a product of moderately high proof, 168 proof (85% alcohol) that is very clean in aroma. We have found a source that produces extremely clean alcohol, not by distillation (the usual process), but by reverse osmosis. The fortifying alcohol is added during the fermentation to stop active fermentation and produce a resulting alcohol to leave the new wine stable.

Tasting Notes

Our 2017 Posada shows the complex aromas and smooth textures that have become the benchmark of WAV's Port-style Posada. Abundant aromas of plum, blueberries, orange peel, cinnamon and chocolate all interplay. The rich texture carries the flavors to a long lingering finish. While Tim Spencer liked to pair his ports with frozen Snickers bars, I think that you should enjoy Wofford Acres Posada any way you please.

Paul