

2012 Red Blend James Berry Vineyard Paso Robles

With its gorgeous white shale- and limestone-studded hills (and a track record for bold, complex reds and zesty, fresh Chardonnay), it is hard not to recognize the brilliance of the James Berry Vineyard. Our Grenache, Mourvd re, Carignane and Syrah grapes from this legendary site were all co-fermented together, which gives this wine a real sense of balance and completeness.

80% Grenache
10% Mourvedre
5% Carignane
5% Syrah
100% Whole-Cluster
18 month elevage in neutral French Oak
pH 3.6
14.4% abv
124 cases bottled

Tasting Note:

Deep aromas of strawberries, black and red cherries, five-spice blend and lavender give way to this richly textured and deeply concentrated blend. Brilliant lift and freshness give this wine a sense of delicacy and persistence, with a long, lingering fruit- and spice-filled finish.

89 pts (eRobertParker.com #216, Robert M. Parker, Jr., Dec. 2014) 94 pts (IWC, Stephen Tanzer, May 2014)