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## 2016 AGLIANICO, LUNA MATTA VINEYARD PASO ROBLES

**Composition** - 100% Aglianico, Luna Matta Vineyard

**Vineyard Data** - Luna Matta Vineyard: Paso Robles Adelaida AVA

**Élevage** - French Oak, 15% new; Native Fermentation

**Production** - 75 Cases

**Alcohol** - 14.0%

### Winemaker's notes

The darkest, thickest-skinned fruit we see in the winery each year, Aglianico from Luna Matta can be a tannic, unyielding beast. We temper the extraction of its coarse nature with a slow, cool native fermentation followed by weeks of post-fermentation maceration on skins encouraging tannin maturity and elegance.

### Tasting notes

A study in extremes, this year's Luna Matta Aglianico is another blockbuster-styled westside Paso red. We've slightly shifted our winemaking technique (very delicate extraction, extended maceration, etc.) over the years to tame the beast inside this wine, yet it remains every bit the highlight of intensity in our lineup. This year's version follows in the exotic and intense steps of its predecessors. It starts with a nose of iron, rose, peppercorn and sandalwood. The palate is dense with dark fruit - blackberry, cinnamon, and oregano with notes of game and leather. Rich, chewy, and stacked on the palate with loads of tannin and acidity.

### Vineyard notes

Luna Matta Vineyard - Paso Robles Adelaida AVA

Luna Matta has been certified organic through CCOF since 2010. They have gone beyond organics with practices such as releasing beneficials such as a weevil for star thistle control and lacewings for leafhopper control. Dikon were planted through the rows to break up hardpans in soil. Nothing is sprayed on the property that requires "astronaut" apparel to apply. Much of the property is dry farmed. Elevation is about 1750 feet above sea level. Soil is a thin layer of clay loam over calcareous substrate.

