

2017 SANS SOUFRE AJOUTÉ

Made Without Sulfites Added

**JOHN SEBASTIANO
SANTA RITA HILLS**

195 CASES PRODUCED

2017

THE OJAI VINEYARD
50% Grenache & 50% Syrah
John Sebastiano Vineyard, Sta Rita Hills

Sans Soufre Ajouté (without sulfites added), a fresh and ready fusion of 50% Grenache and 50% Syrah that is crafted from grapes grown on the wind scoured slopes of John Sebastiano Vineyard in the Santa Rita Hills. This 2017 bottling reflects the culmination of six years of tinkering with sulfite-free wines, and now we are presenting the wine with a new and distinctive look.

When you taste with Adam, there's sometimes a wine he doesn't adore but that he respects—he'll say it's "correct," by which he means it's a sound wine, clean and varietally expressive, but not one he'll remember. If you know Adam, you know there's a painstaking attention to detail in everything he does in the cellar, even a healthy bit of paranoia. That's imperative for pulling off a no-sulfites-added wine.

Sans Soufre Ajouté goes beyond mere correctness to achieve something far better. The fruit comes on with the juicy purity of a handful of ripe dark berries. Texturally, it has a feel that is bold and gulpable—the fruit is deep and saturating on the palate, but there are barely any perceptible tannins to contend with. It's the perfect wine for a BBQ get-together where you want to share a wine that is interesting but also fun and easy-drinking.

With the oddities involved with many no-sulfites-added wines, it's unclear why this particular wine is so good. Maybe the winds that scour this hillside ensure clean, disease-free fruit that's ripe and well balanced, which makes for a safer fermentation. Or maybe it's Adam's masterful attention to detail that helps the wine navigate around points of vulnerability. Who knows for sure? What's clear is that our 2017 Sans Soufre Ajouté is, above all else, a wine crafted for raw and casual enjoyment—a true vin de soif (wine for thirst).

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BLEND 50% Syrah 50% Grenache

VINEYARDS John Sebastiano

AVA Santa Rita Hills

ALCOHOL 13%

VINIFICATION 100% Neutral French Oak

BARREL AGING 10 Months

TOTAL PRODUCTION 195 Cases

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