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## 2017 Espérance, GSM Blend



The 2017 Esperance is 100% Estate Grown. We are finally back farming a great Estate, right here in the heart of Foxen Canyon Road, right in the sweet spot, dubbed the Rhone Zone, in the center of the Santa Ynez Valley AVA. Here we grow a Spanish clone of Grenache that we marry with a Spanish clone of Mourvèdre, and a dash of Syrah. The wines are all fermented separately in small, open top tanks. For the Grenache we employ an average of 30% whole clusters in the fermenters, while the Mourvèdre and the Syrah are both destemmed. All the different varieties and blocks are hand-picked during the cold nights at their individual optimum ripeness...the Syrah is picked first, with the Grenache a week or two later, and finally the Mourvèdre grapes are some of the last grapes we harvest each vintage.

We always want this wine to speak of Grenache, with fruit notes of wild strawberries and savory notes of herbs and spices, with a rich mouthfeel and a wonderfully long finish. The Mourvèdre and Syrah are added to provide depth, color, and age worthy tannins.

"Espérance" translates into "Hope" from French to English. With this wine, we "hope" to not only recreate the great reds of Southern France, but we further "hope" to craft a wine that will inspire your senses the way we were inspired over two decades ago."

**Varieties:** 65% Grenache Noir, 20% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah.

**Vineyard Composition:**

100% Estate Grown, Curtis Estate Vineyard. Uplifted Mesa

**Production:** 800 12bottle X 750 mL Cases

**Release Date:** Winter, 2019

**Release Price:** \$30/btl

**Reviews:** 93 Points Jeb Dunnuck  
92 Points Antonio Galloni, Vinous