



2013 L'Aventure Winery Cabernet Sauvignon Estate

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from USA , San Luis Obispo, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: 95+

Drink 2018 - 2028

Cost: \$0

Another blockbuster is the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate. Incorporating 4% Petit Verdot, it offers telltale notes of currants, tobacco leaf, graphite and spring flower in its classic Cabernet style. Full-bodied and decidedly energetic and lively, with good acidity, it's another 2013 from Stephan that possesses a wallop of tannin in its structured, yet balanced and age-worthy profile. It should be at its best from 2018-2028+. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

2014 L'Aventure Winery Cote a Cote

A Rhone Blend Dry Red Table wine from USA , San Luis Obispo, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

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Rating: (94-96)

Drink 2017 - 2027

Cost: \$0

The estate's southern Rhone blend and a rough mix of 50% Syrah, 35% Mourvedre and 15% Syrah, the 2014 Cote a Cote is a killer looking barrel sample that has lots

of jammy blackberry, violets, peppery herbs and graphite aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, big and concentrated, yet surprisingly light on its feet and silky, it could match or exceed the 2012. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

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Rating: 94

Drink 2015 - 2025

Cost: \$80-\$105

A blend of 40% Mourvedre, 30% Grenache and 30% Syrah, the 2013 Cote a Cote is a classic Rhone blend from Paso that has lots of blackberry, cassis, ground pepper and damp earth aromatics, full-bodied richness and both good acidity and tannic grip. Showing more complex floral characteristics and chalky minerality with time in the glass, it can be enjoyed now or cellared for a decade. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

2014 L'Aventure Winery Cuvee Blanc

A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from USA , San Luis Obispo, Central Coast, California, USA,

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eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: 93

Drink 2015 - 2017

Cost: \$0

One of the top whites coming from Paso Robles is L'Aventure's 2014 Cuvee Blanc. Based largely on Roussanne and Grenache Blanc, with smaller parts Viognier, it has lots of apple and white currant fruit notes to go with subtle toast, white flower and touch of nuttiness on the nose. Medium to full-bodied, elegant, layered and rich, yet always fresh and lively, it's a classy white that will drink nicely for several

years. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

2014 L'Aventure Winery Cuvee Chloe

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from USA , San Luis Obispo, Central Coast, California, USA,

Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #220 (Aug 2015)

Rating: (95-97)

Drink 2017 - 2029

Cost: \$0

One of the standouts in the tasting was the 2014 Cuvee Chloe. Tasting like the 2013, only better, it offers up tons of baking spices, toasted bread, potpourri and chalky minerality to go with a fabulous core of ripe blackberry and black raspberry fruit. Big, rich, layered and concentrated, with plenty of tannin, this Syrah/Grenache blend will impress on release due to its purity and texture, yet evolve gracefully. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

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Drink 2017 - 2028

Cost: \$0

From a single block of north-facing Syrah vines and a south-facing block of Grenache vines, the 2013 Cuvee Chloe (71% Syrah and 39% Grenache) is a big, ripe, voluptuous effort that firms up substantially on the palate, with lots of ripe tannin kicking in on the finish. Possessing plenty of black raspberry, graphite, spice-box, crushed flowers and dusty soil characteristics, give this concentrated, structured and balanced 2013 a year or three in the cellar and enjoy bottles through 2028. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s,

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2014 L'Aventure Winery Demoiselles Proprietary Red

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Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

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Rating: (93-95)

Drink 2018 - 2028

Cost: \$0

Not made in 2013, the 2014 Demoiselles Proprietary Blend is a big, full-bodied blend of 60% Mourvedre, 30% Syrah and 10% Grenache. It offers lots of blueberry, seared meats, crushed violets and a hint of espresso to go with plush, decadent and full-bore style on the palate. It will need 2-3 years of cellaring and drink well for a decade after that. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

2014 L'Aventure Winery Estate Cuvee

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Rating: (94-97)

Drink 2017 - 2029

Cost: \$0

Another big, meaty and decadent 2014 from Stephan, his 2014 Estate Cuvee sports an inky purple color to go with classic cassis and dark fruits, big minerality, graphite and hints of violets. Beautifully concentrated, textured and even elegant, with a lightness to its texture that keeps you coming back to the glass, it should be surprisingly approachable in its youth yet cruise for 10-15 years in the cellars. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

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Rating: 97+

Drink 2018 - 2033

Cost: \$86-\$130

The top wine of the estate and a blend that was the reason Stephan left Pomerol, the 2013 Estate Cuvee checks in as 43% Syrah, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Petit Verdot that comes all from his estate vineyard. It's locked and loaded with black and blue fruit, crushed rock, licorice and ground herbs, and I wrote that it seemed like it was filtered through a rocky riverbed in my notes. Serious, structured and tight, yet fabulously concentrated and pure, it needs 3-4 years of cellaring and will keep for two decades. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

2014 L'Aventure Winery Optimus

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Review by [Jeb Dunnuck](#)

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Rating: 92-94

Drink 2016 - 2024

Cost: \$0

Tasted from barrel, the 2014 Optimus shows more red fruit than the '13, with lots of black raspberries, dried flowers and violet characteristics present in its full-bodied, rich, expansive and mouth-filling profile. It has surprising complexity as well as a great mid-palate, so I suspect it will shine on release. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

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Rating: 93

Drink 2015 - 2022

Cost: \$48-\$65

The estate's entry-level wine that's always based on Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, the 2013 Optimus offers lots of graphite, earth and peppery herbs to go with tons of red and black fruit characteristics. A full-bodied, rich and layered red that epitomizes Paso Robles, it has beautiful freshness, a silky texture and a great finish. Drink it anytime over the coming decade. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

2014 L'Aventure Winery Pour Elle

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Rating: 94-96

Drink 2017 - 2027

Cost: \$0

Incorporating slightly more Viognier and Mourvedre than the '13, the Syrah-dominated 2014 Pour Elle was reticent and backward aromatically, yet knocked it out of the park on the palate and had an exuberant, layered feel. Full-bodied, gorgeously pure, and elegant, I'm sure it will develop more aromatic intensity once in bottle. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.

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Rating: 94+

Drink 2016 - 2025

Cost: \$0

A new cuvee that Stephan created for his wife (Pour Elle is French of For Her), the 2013 Pour Elle is a cofermented blend of 72% Syrah, 23% Mourvedre and the rest Viognier that was raised in 50% new French oak and 50% once used barrels. Beautiful on all counts, it has terrific notes of black and blue fruits, graphite, vanilla bean, peach pit and hints of violets on the nose. Full-bodied, fresh and still focused and structured on the palate, it has the expected density and ripeness of the estate paired with excellent overall purity and freshness. Give it a year or two and enjoy bottles through 2025. While the 2013s are small step back from Stephan's insanely good 2012s, they're still near the top of the hierarchy in Paso Robles. I tasted the 2014s from barrel and they might just rival the 2012s.
