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2015 L'Aventure Winery Les Demoiselles

Rating: 95+

Composed of 60% Mourvèdre and 40% Syrah, the 2015 Les Demoiselles reveals a medium to deep garnet-purple color and exudes gorgeous blackberry pie and blueberry compote with an earthy undercurrent of fertile loam, charcoal and underbrush, plus a touch of anise. Full-bodied, concentrated and broody at this youthful stage, it gives glimpses at the dark fruit and earthy layers that lie ahead, framed by firm, ripe tannins and finishing with a lingering peppery lift.

2015 L'Aventure Winery Estate Cuvee

Rating: 96+

Blended of 55% Syrah, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot, the 2015 Estate Cuvee sports a deep garnet-purple color and nose of fresh black currants, blackberries and cigar box with touches of cardamom, bay leaves, pencil lead and cloves. Full-bodied and built like a brick house, it has a solid frame of grainy tannins and plenty of freshness supporting the muscular fruit, finishing with lingering black fruits. Forget it for three to four years and drink it over the next 20+.

2015 L'Aventure Winery Cote a Cote

Rating: 97

Blended of 60% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre and 10% Syrah, the medium to deep garnet colored 2015 Cote a Cote has a wonderfully vibrant perfume of red roses, red cherries and cinnamon stick over nuances of mulberries, vanilla pod, garrigue, dried lavender and white pepper. Full-bodied, rich, concentrated and oh-so-decadent, it completely fills the palate with seductive kirsch and spicy layers, supported by firm yet velvety tannins and seamless freshness, finishing with epic length. Bravo!

2015 L'Aventure Winery Cuvee Chloe

Rating: 98+

Mostly Syrah (66%) with the rest Grenache (44%), co-fermented, the deep garnet-purple colored 2015 Cuvee Chloe has an exuberant nose of black cherries, crushed blackberries and red currants with licorice, dark chocolate and dried Provence herbs nuances, plus a waft of violets. Full-bodied, beautifully concentrated and packed with vibrant black and red fruits, it has a rock-solid backbone of firm, grainy tannins and tons of freshness, finishing with loads of spice, herb and earth layers. Amazing energy. Give it two years in bottle and drink it over the next 25+. 300 cases were made.

2015 L'Aventure Winery Optimus

Rating: 93

Bottled mid-March 2017 and a blend of 60% Syrah, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon and 19% Petit Verdot, the 2015 Optimus has a deep garnet-purple color and nose of crushed black currants, black cherries and black raspberries with hints of violets, dark chocolate, baking spices and black pepper. Full-bodied and with a lovely intensity of vibrant black fruit, it has an approachable frame of rounded tannins and lively acid, finishing long and spicy.

2015 L'Aventure Winery For Her

Rating: 94+

Composed of 50% Syrah, 32% Monastrell, 10% Grenache and 8% Viognier, the 2015 For Her gives up a deep garnet-purple color and beguiling black cherries, crushed blackberries, forest floor and camphor scents, with touches of Indian spices, potpourri and beef drippings. Full-bodied, rich and laden with earthy/spicy layers, it has a firm, grippy structure and great length. A true powerhouse.

2016 L'Aventure Winery For Her

Rating: (94 - 96)

A barrel sample, the 2016 For Her simply sings of red roses, red cherries and black raspberries with touches of spice cake, charcuterie and tapenade. The full-bodied palate delivers tons of perfumed red berry flavors, supported by soft, velvety tannins and finishing on a spicy note.

2016 L'Aventure Winery Optimus

Rating: (92 - 94)

A barrel sample of already blended 50% Syrah, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Petit Verdot, the 2016 Optimus has an earthy, broody nose of black soil, underbrush and tar with suggestions of black currants, anise and cloves. Full-bodied, rich and earthy, it offers up densely packed flavors and a very firm backbone with great promise!

2016 L'Aventure Winery "New Cuvée"

Rating: (94 - 96)

A barrel sample of a new blend of 40% Grenache, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon and 27% Syrah, this 2016 "New Cuvée" (the name to be determined) has a red and black currant-laced nose with hints of baking spices, potpourri, raspberry tart and dusty earth. Full-bodied, soft, spicy and plush, it coats the palate with seductive red and black fruits, finishing long and spicy.

2016 L'Aventure Winery Cuvee Chloe

Rating: (94 - 96)

A barrel sample blend of 2/3 Syrah and 1/3 Grenache, the 2016 Cuvee Chloe has broody, dark fruits, black plums and mocha notes with hints of dried herbs and mulberries plus a touch of peppered salami. Full-bodied, concentrated and with tons of earth and meat layers, it has a chewy backbone and long, pepper-laced finish.

2016 L'Aventure Winery Estate Cuvee

Rating: (97 - 99)+

52% Syrah, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon and 16% Petit Verdot, the 2016 Estate Cuvee is all black cherries, crème de cassis and chocolate box on the nose with a Chinese five spice and potpourri undercurrent. The full-bodied palate is rich, opulent and firmly structured, with great purity and depth, finishing with lingering spice and dried herbs notes.

2016 L'Aventure Winery Les Demoiselles

Rating: (94 - 96)

A blend of 60% Mourvèdre and 40% Syrah, the barrel sample of the 2016 Les Demoiselles reveals expressive black cherries, black forest cake and spice box notes at this primary stage, with an earthy undercurrent. Full-bodied, with great richness and plush, approachable tannins, it fills the mouth with gregarious fruit and finishes with epic persistence.

2016 L'Aventure Winery Cote a Cote

Rating: (95 - 97)

A barrel sample, 55% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre and 20% Syrah, the 2016 Cote a Cote reveals black cherries, black raspberries and wild blueberries with touches of nutmeg, cloves and dark chocolate plus hints of garrigue and dried flowers. Full-bodied and densely packed with expressive red and blue fruits, it has a plush frame and long spicy finish.