



Stephan Asseo, owner and winemaker at L'Aventure Winery, began making wine in 1982. In that same year, Stephan established Domaine de Courteillac in Bordeaux. He and his family later purchased Chateau Fleur Cardinal and Chateau Robin in the Cotes de Castillon in Bordeaux. Over the next 15 years, Stephan developed into an artisan winemaker of fastidious craftsmanship and gained a "maverick" reputation. His true desire was to be more innovative than AOC law would allow. In 1996, this led him, his wife Beatrice and their 3 children, on a journey to pursue his ideal as a winemaker. In 1997, after one year of research, they fell in love with a unique terroir in the west side Paso Robles. And L'Aventure began in 1998!

L' AVENTURE OPTIMUS 2012

Bottled March 2014

53% Syrah, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot

100% Estate Grown Fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard

Very Low Yield: 2 to 2.5 Tons Per Acre

70% New French Oak and 30% 1-Year Old French Oak with Malolactic Fermentation in Barrel

No Fining, No Filtering

Length Of Aging: 14 Months

Drink: 13 Years

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