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Paso Santa

Vintage Napa Robles Barbara Sonoma Drink Window Description

2018 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2018& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	92-95	92-95	92-95	90-93	NYR	A goldilocks vintage with flawless growing season that allowed winemakers to craft impressive wines
2017 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2017& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	90	90	90	89	Drink or hold	Dramatic weather conditions, from floods to heat wave to wildfires, add up to a variable and challenging vintage

2016 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2016& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	94	94	92	93	Drink or hold	A textbook vintage with nearly ideal growing conditions throughout the year
2015 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2015& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	94	94	91	94	Drink or hold	Challenged by a warm season marked by heat spikes, winemakers managed to retain elegance and aromatics

2014 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2014& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	93	92	92	94	Drink or hold	Similar to the 2013s, but more ripe, more full-bodied and i some region more tannic
2013 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2013& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	94	94	92	93	Drink or hold	Nearly ideal growing season with lots of sunshine bu few heat spikes; wine are expressive early but show aging potential

2012 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2012& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	93	93	88	92	Drink or hold	Record-sized crop with firmly tannic wines and some real beauties; should reward time in the cellar
2011 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2011& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	87	87	87	87	Drink	A damp, coo year led to mixed results. Off the pace of best years, yet there are pockets of success; earl drinkers

2010 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2010& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	93	97	87	93	Drink	A cool, late harvest, but amazingly ripe and full-bodied wine
2009 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2009& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	92	95	92	93	Drink	Fabulous wines throughout despite a challenging season; the ripeness is there, even i it came late

2008 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2008& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	91	98	91	91	Drink	A tough star ended with glorious wines statewide, rivaling 2007 for complexity, depth and finesse
2007 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2007& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	95	96	95	92	Drink	Tremendous quality and uncommon complexity statewide; the best on record, along with 2009 and 2006

2006 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&	93	92	94	95	Drink	A golden vintage,
vintage[]=2006& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]						fabulous acoss all regions, offering grea diversity of styles
2005 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2005& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	92	86	89	87	Drink	Intense, structured, high-quality wines

2004 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2004& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	97	89	86	89	Drink	A superb vintage, particularly i Napa; concentrate intense and complex wines
2003 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2003& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	90	83	89	90	Drink	Dark, intense structured and concentrate

2002 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2002& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	96	84	85	89	Drink	Tremendous in Napa and Sonoma; dark, rich an plush
2001 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2001& varietal[]=Shiraz& varietal[]=v11:Grenache& varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre& regions[]=v18:California]	97	89	87	89	Drink	Solid in all regions, with an edge to Napa; intens and concentrate wines

<u>2000 [/wine</u>	93	82	85	87	Drink	Strong in
/search?submitted=Y&						Napa,
<u>vintage[]=2000&</u>						showing tha
varietal[]=Shiraz&						Syrah doesn
varietal[]=v11:Grenache&						always run
varietal[]=v11:Mourvèdre&						with
regions[]=v18:California]						Cabernet

Vintage ratings: 95-100, classic; 90-94, outstanding; 85-89, very good; 80-84, good; 75-79, mediocre; 50-74, not recommended

A score range indicates preliminary analysis based on barrel samples and/or a limited sampling; man wines of the vintage not yet reviewed.

Drinkability: "NYR" means the vintage has not yet been released; "drink" means most of the wines of the vintage are ready to drink; "hold" means most of the ageworthy wines have yet to fully mature; "past peak" means most of the wines are declining rather than improving.

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