



Chopo Monastrell-Syrah

Syrah can be found on many continents and in many different wine regions, from France to Chile and almost everyone in between. France by far has the most Syrah planted, with over 160,000 acres. Syrah is one of the dominant grapes in the Rhône and is found in the prestigious wines of Hermitage. In Spain, Syrah is found notably in the regions near France, Priorat and Montsant and also further south, in Jumilla.

Monastrell (aka Mourvèdre) is not widely planted. In France, you can find Mourvèdre in the Rhône and also Provence. Also, more frequently referred to as Mourvèdre in Australia and the US, it is common to see this grape in a blend with Grenache and Syrah. In Spain is where we refer to it as Monastrell. There is more Monastrell in Spain than anywhere else, with more than five times the acreage than all other regions combined. Look out for some of Monastrell's other synonyms like, Alicante, Mataró and Mourves. Decant at least 15 minutes and enjoy by 2019.

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SYRAH, MONASTRELL

JUMILLA, SPAIN

14% ALCOHOL

\$20

HOW IT LOOKS

Super dark core, almost black, which fades to garnet with purple reflections.

HOW IT SMELLS

Blackberry galore! Followed by ample black pepper spice, compliments of the both the Syrah and Monastrell. Wild vegetation, like an herb garden, lots of sage and garrigue flavours. With more time, delicate purple florals show through.

FOOD PAIRING

There is a touch of heat (light burn from the alcohol) that shows near the finish. With higher alcohol, avoid spicy dishes. Roasted lamb with Moroccan flavours and spices.



HOW IT TASTES

The wine spends 2-3 months in French oak barrels, softening the tannins and providing a plush texture to deep flavours. The acidity is slow to appear and lingers near the back of the tongue. The tannins are slick, with a bit of chewiness. Predominately black fruits, juicy blackberry and cherries, with more of the earthy, garrigue, forest notes that sit near the finish with a bit of tobacco leaf.

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