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2009 PEASANT

48% Mourvedre, 28% Grenache, 24% Syrah
Paso Robles

Funkadelic (fūngk' -dēl k) *descriptor for rhythmic movements, tastes and smells of something that is truly fantastic, beyond the realms of normal wonder.*

Right about now Soul Brother, the 2009 Peasant is all about the funk! Funk to me is the tragic Hero, the twist in the plot, the dark and brooding corner you are scared of. It's what makes life interesting....from the pungent smell of French Cheese in all its stinky glory to the complex gaminess of Lamb. If this turns you on then the 2009 Peasant is the soundtrack to your life.

Why? This year the Peasant is dominated by my favorite grape, Mourvedre. If grapes were music, Mourvedre would be the EMO, Gothic, Tragically-Hip Rock Star wearing too much eyeliner. It is the dark side full of angst, curiosity and intrigue. Grenache and Syrah have their roles but are mostly "pretty". Mourvedre is not pretty. It's cool... James Brown cool..., French Bete Noir cool.....and makes no apologies. Dig the Funk.

On The nose.... Spicy black cherry fruit flirting with provencal herb and brought to life by a vibrant acidity that keeps this story alive and makes the fruit dance with long, graceful mouth feel..... I mean long. The complex fruit laced with subtle tannins trail into a sexy finish of cedar, nutmeg, and caramel. This wine is why man domesticated Lamb....

Christian Tietje
Winemaker, ZinBitch

VARIETAL: GSM
Appellation: PASO ROBLES
Alcohol: 14.9%
pH: 3.68
TOTAL ACID: 0.69
CASES PRODUCED: 1557
DRINK: 1 - 5 years



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