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## 2017 Paso Robles Rosé

### The Vintage

The 2017 harvest season will be remembered for a record heat wave from late August to early September that sent temperatures soaring over 102°F, for nine days in a row. Prolonged heat shuts down vines and delays the natural ripening process. Yields were up from the 2016 vintage, not surprising with good rainfall the previous winter after five years of drought. In general, the fruit from this vintage will be full bodied with great structure and alluring acidity.

### The Vineyard

The Mossfire Ranch Vineyard is a scenic 320-acre property on the Pleasant Valley Wine Trail, located on the eastern side of the Paso Robles AVA. It is admired for its striking beauty, epic views and superior fruit. Originally planted in 1996, the vineyard varies greatly in both contour and soil-types; from flat to steep hillsides and alluvial to loamy benches respectively. Thanks to the coastal breezes and slight elevation of the vineyard, the fruit is allowed to experience pristine weather conditions throughout the year.

### The Winemaking Process

Blend:	100% Syrah	
Harvest:	September 1, 2017	
pH:	3.6	Brix: 21.5
TA:	0.31g/ml	Alcohol: 12.5%
Bottled:	February 1, 2018	

Rosé' made on purpose. Minimal skin contact and direct to press. Gentle fining in juice stage during cold settling. Racked to Stainless and fermented between 58 - 62 F

### Tasting Notes

This Provence style Rosé is made from 100% Syrah. The fruit was picked early to preserve the grapes natural acidity and fruit fresh flavors, ensuring a vibrant style rose. A subtle pink color radiates through the wine bottle due to short skin contact time. Fresh strawberry and bing cherry aromas emanate from the glass leading to bright and lively passionfruit flavor profile. The brightness shines throughout on a finish that lasts and lasts! This wine easily pairs with food or enjoyed solo.

