



"The 2022 Backlit is youthfully coiled, slowly evolving with an array of dried violets, lavender, citrus zest and crushed blackberries. This supremely elegant red from Adelaida District floods the palate with silken textures. Ripe red and blue fruits, underscored by tactile mineral tones, add a pleasant grippiness toward the close. This tapers off spicy, leaving the mouth watering for more as blue and purple-toned inner florals resonate throughout. Dramatic length. The Backlit is a blend of 44% Syrah, 22% Petite Sirah, 17% Carignan, 11% Mourvèdre and 6% Grenache."

95 pts, Vinous Media

"Made with 44% Syrah, 22% Petite Sirah, 17% Carignan, 11% Mourvèdre and 6% Grenache, the 2022 Backlit expresses a more sturdy side of the Maha estate. The nose is driven by dark fruit compote and dark spice aromas while remaining impressively high-toned and accented with pleasing bramble and underbrush notes. The palate is assertive and full-bodied before pulling back and transitioning to a robust, expansive and long finish with subtle yet persistent tannins. Despite the power within, this remains pleasantly balanced and nuanced throughout."

95 pts, The Wine Advocate

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Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic and CCOF Organic Wine.

Appellation: Adelaida District, Paso Robles

Harvest: September 3rd - October 2nd, 2022

Vinification: Native yeast fermented in concrete with a variety of pump overs and punch downs depending on desired extraction for 20-36 days. Basket pressed into a selection of French barriques and puncheons (33% new). Aged for 20 months.

Tasting Notes:

Aromatics - compelling watercolor of perfume, chaparral, umami, and spice

Palate Impression - grilled shiitake, seared stone fruit, fennel, and cola

Oak Impression - Moderate.

ABV: 15%

Bottled: 6.7.2024