



"The 2022 Understory is a blend of 43% Carignan, 36% Grenache and 21% Mourvèdre. It leads with a pure, floral nose of crushed raspberries and purple flowers, framed by damp earth tinges and remarkable poise overall. It is quenching and succulent on the palate, balancing clear-cut polish with deft, elegantly ripe fruits. The finish is balanced and refreshing with a subtle, lingering stoniness that melds with faintly powdery tannins and luscious fruits. Even in its infancy, this is a vibrantly transparent expression of the Maha estate vineyard, and I look forward to reacquainting with it after another year or so in bottle."

95+ pts, The Wine Advocate

"Savory red and black fruits, leather, dried underbrush, and spice give the 2022 Understory a classic Carignan character. Based on 43% Carignan, 36% Grenache, and 21% Mourvèdre, aged 22 months in 30% new French oak, it's medium to full-bodied with a pure, complex profile, ripe tannins, and an excellent finish. Drink 2025-2035."

95 pts, Jeb Dunnuck

Understory, 2022

Blend: 43% Carignan, 36% Grenache, 21% Mourvedre

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 (43% new). Aged for 20 months.

Tasting Notes:

Aromatics - bramble fruits, tar, and plum,

Palate Impression - combines limestone with charcoal, juicy red fruits, and Mediterranean spices. Graceful and expressive, this is a wine to share and enjoy now or rest in the cellar for a few years

Oak Impression - Moderate.

ABV: 15%

Bottled: 6.7.2024