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 LOS ANGELES

### 2017 Undertake, Los Angeles County

The 2017 Undertake is our first Zinfandel blend. A true classic of California's robust, fruit-driven style, Undertake is a blend of 60% Zinfandel, 25% Petite Sirah, 10% Merlot, and 5% Syrah. This beautiful wine has great depth and subtleties that find their way through the red fruit core. 80 cases produced.

### Vintage Notes

The 2017 vintage in Los Angeles marked the beginning of the end of California's extreme drought. An extremely wet winter saw the state's reservoirs and water table restored to normal levels. Additionally, the cooler winter set up a longer growing season, which allowed all of our fruit to hang for an additional two to three weeks. The extra time on the vine produced fruit with vibrant and expressive flavors not yet seen in our program.

### Winegrowing & Production Notes

The four varietals in this blend come from a different vineyards, each bringing their own character to the cuvée. The Zinfandel, Merlot, and Syrah all come from Northeast Los Angeles County and are red fruit driven, while the Petite Sirah from Paso Robles adds structure and a dark fruit core. All of the fruit was hand-picked, cold soaked, and fermented in open top bins. The wines were aged separately in a mixture of new and neutral French and American oak barrels for 18 months before bottling.

### Technical Notes

Vintage:	2017
Varietal(s):	60% Zin, 25% Petite Sirah, 10% Merlot 5% Syrah
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Neenach Ranch, Manini, Smith Family, Alonso Family
Harvest Date(s):	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> '17 / Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> , '17 / Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> '17 / Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> '17
Titrateable Acidity:	.770
pH:	3.73
Aging:	18 months in French & American oak
Fermentation:	open top bins
Bottling Date:	March 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Alcohol:	15.3%
Production:	80 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$58.00 / bottle – 750ml



### Tasting Notes

Red raspberry jam and boysenberry syrup, with fresh red fruit and candied plums lead the charge on the nose with hints of vanilla, sweet tobacco leaf and white pepper. The palate is medium bodied and silky, featuring vibrant red fruits and berries with an elevating acidity. Smooth, fine-grained tannins draw out the spiced, fruit-laced finish.