



Stephan Asseo, owner and winemaker at L'Aventure Winery, began making wine in 1982. In that same year, Stephan established Domaine de Courteillac in Bordeaux. He and his family later purchased Chateau Fleur Cardinal and Chateau Robin in the Cotes de Castillon in Bordeaux. Over the next 15 years, Stephan developed into an artisan winemaker of fastidious craftsmanship and gained a "maverick" reputation. His true desire was to be more innovative than AOC law would allow. In 1996, this led him, his wife Beatrice and their 3 children, on a journey to pursue his ideal as a winemaker. In 1997, after one year of research, they fell in love with a unique terroir in the west side Paso Robles. And L'Aventure began in 1998!

OPTIMUS 2022

Bottled March 2024

66% Syrah, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot

100% Estate Grown Fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard

Low Yield: 2.5 Tons Per Acre

82% 1-Year Old French Oak, 18% New French Oak

No Fining, No Filtering

Length Of Aging: 18 Months

Drink Window: 10+ Years

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The 2022 Optimus checks in as 66% Syrah, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 9% Petit Verdot. This deep ruby/purple-hued effort offers a terrific nose of ripe blackberries, peppery herbs, violets, and game to go with a full-bodied, concentrated, yet beautifully balanced style on the palate. I love its tannins, it has soft, supple mouthfeel, and a great finish. It's already drinking beautiful and will evolve nicely for 8-10 years.

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Lifted and perfumed nose with aromas of bramble berries, cedar and mocha. The palate is full-bodied with finely integrated tannins and fresh acidity, showing notes of blackcurrants, tobacco leaves and graphite. Very well constructed and balanced. A blend of 66% Syrah, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Petit Verdot. Drink or hold.