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LOS ANGELES

**2018 Evident, Los Angeles County**

The 2018 Evident is the first blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah that we have released after working with both varietals independently for over 5 years. We find ourselves pondering how it came to pass that we went this long without merging two wines who's compatibility is so unmistakably evident.

**Vintage Notes**

In 2018, the second vintage after the easing of extreme drought conditions in California, saw much less rain than the previous year. However, reserves in the water table helped the vineyards thrive throughout the year, and again extend the season into a later than normal harvest. The vintage is showing greater concentration and a more structure than 2017, with plenty of bright fruit to lead the way.

**Winegrowing & Production Notes**

Evident is a blend of 80% Syrah from our Lobo Canyon Vineyard in the Malibu Coast AVA. A steep, rocky hillside of calcareous soil provides ideal conditions for Syrah to struggle, offering concentrated, yet elegant, and smooth drinking wine. The Petite Sirah comes from the Manini Vineyard on the west side of Paso Robles, offering additional weight, and fullness to the wine. The fruit was all harvested by hand, and cold soaked for 48 hours, before fermentation. The wine was aged in 80% new French oak barrels for 29 months, allowing the tannins to soften and become silky.

**Tasting Notes**

Black cherry and cola, wrapped in savory notes of sage, cigar box, white chocolate and clove are abundant on the expressive nose. The palate is a well integrated mix of red fruits, candied dates, and baking spice, with fine grain tannins, backed up with mellow acids and lingering spiced finish.

**Technical Notes**

Vintage:	2018
Varietal(s):	80% Syrah, 20% Petite Sirah
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Lobo Canyon, Manini
Titrateable Acidity:	.765
pH:	3.76
Fermentation:	Open Top Bins
Aging:	29 months in French oak, 80% new
Bottling Date:	February 6th, 2021
Alcohol:	14.2%
Production:	52 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$50.00 / bottle - 750ml

