



L'Aventure

A stunningly elegant Rhône-inspired blend, For Her 2020 captures the beauty of Paso Robles terroir with its floral complexity, silky texture, and striking freshness.



For Her 2020

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

L'Aventure Vineyard lies on the **west side of Paso Robles**, an area celebrated for its complex limestone soils, undulating terrain, and cool Pacific breezes. These elements combine to create **ideal conditions for Rhône varieties**, providing the necessary stress, sunlight, and diurnal range to achieve phenolic richness while retaining freshness. The site's high vine density - **2,100 vines per acre** - and **very low yields of 1.5 to 2 tons per acre** underscore the commitment to intensity and precision.

Fruit for For Her is grown exclusively on the estate, with **Syrah sourced from the Hill Top block**, **Graciano from the Plateau**, and **Viognier interplanted** and co-fermented for added aromatic finesse. Each parcel is farmed individually, reflecting both the intricacy of the vineyard and the dedication to expressing its unique identity in bottle.

Winemaking

For Her 2020 is a co-fermented blend of **58% Syrah**, **28% Graciano**, and **14% Viognier**. The choice to co-ferment Viognier with Syrah—a nod to traditional Côte-Rôtie techniques - enhances floral lift, stabilizes color, and softens tannins. Graciano, a lesser-seen varietal in California, introduces lively acidity and earthy minerality, complementing Syrah's power and Viognier's elegance.

The wine was aged for **14 months** in a combination of **60% new French oak** and **40% amphora**, offering a striking equilibrium between texture, oak spice, and purity. No fining or filtration was applied, preserving the wine's full expression. Bottled in March 2022, this cuvée is structured to evolve gracefully over more than **20 years**, while offering immediate aromatic charm.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Vibrant ruby-purple with a youthful, brilliant rim.
- **Aroma:** Intoxicating layers of violet, blueberry, black cherry, and lavender, with hints of smoked meat, graphite, and crushed rose petals.
- **Palate:** Silky and energetic, offering a medley of ripe red and black fruits, savory spice, and floral perfume. The finish is long and weightless, driven by refined tannins and lifted acidity.

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Did you know?

For Her is a deeply personal wine named in honor of **Béatrice Asseo**, wife of L'Aventure's founder, Stephan Asseo. The wine's creation is a celebration of femininity and complexity, both in its inspiration and in its composition. The use of **Graciano**, a rare Spanish varietal, alongside **Viognier** and **Syrah**, exemplifies Asseo's continued experimentation and homage to the Old World, reimagined through the lens of **Paso Robles terroir**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roasted duck with lavender and honey glaze:** Echoes the floral perfume and richness of the wine.
- **Grilled Iberico pork with romesco sauce:** A Spanish-inspired pairing that enhances the Graciano's savory character.
- **Lamb tagine with apricots and saffron:** The wine's spice and acidity complement the sweetness and complexity of the dish.
- **Mature Ossau-Iraty cheese with fig chutney:** The wine's texture and aromatic lift are perfect alongside this nutty, creamy Basque cheese.



Robert Parker (RP) : 99 Points (2020)

The 2020 For Her is a gorgeous blend of Syrah (58%), Graciano (28%) and Viognier (14%). Deep ruby-purple, it bursts from the glass with highly intense, incredibly defined aromas of violet, cracked pepper, grilled meat, fried savory herbs and a deep core of crushed blueberry fruit. The full-bodied palate balances concentrated, floral fruits with fireworks of fresh acidity and powdery tannins, and it has a tremendously long finish. With its own assertive, alluring voice, the For Her is another fantastically expressive, harmonious wine from L'Aventure in the challenging 2020 vintage. (EB)



Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 96 Points (2020)

The 2020 For Her comes from 58% Syrah, 28% Graciano, and 14% Viognier. It's another deep purple-hued effort with a massive core of darker, almost blue fruits as well as scorched earth, ground pepper, liquid violets, and a beautiful, exotic floral character. These all carry to a voluptuous, full-bodied, layered, seamless wine that has the firmer tannins of the vintage yet also brings an incredible core of sweet fruit and opulence that makes it such a joy to drink.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 95 Points (2020)

Mixing savory spices with sage and perfumed raspberry, the 2020 For Her comes to life in the glass. This is elegance personified, washing across the palate with silky textures and tart wild berry fruits perfectly lifted by a burst of zesty acidity. It finishes unexpectedly fresh and energetic, with rosy inner florals and building tannins that add a gentle grip. The 2020 is already showing beautifully today, yet the best is yet to come. For Her is a co-fermented blend of 58% Syrah, 28% Graciano, and 14% Viognier. (EG)



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