

L'Aventure

L'Aventure For Her 2019 is a seductive Paso Robles red, weaving Syrah depth, Graciano energy and Viognier perfume into a polished, age-worthy cuvée of remarkable poise.



For Her 2019

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

L'Aventure is located on the west side of Paso Robles, in California's Central Coast, where Stephan Asseo found the freedom to blend French tradition with a distinctly Californian terroir after leaving Bordeaux. The estate sits within a landscape of sloping hills, complex soils and excellent drainage, conditions that support ripe fruit, density and structure while preserving balance. L'Aventure describes its philosophy as estate-grown blending designed to express vintage, terroir, complexity and authenticity.

The For Her 2019 fruit comes from **100% estate-grown L'Aventure Vineyard**, with very low yields and dense planting of about 2,100 vines per acre. The Paso Robles Willow Creek District, where the wine is identified by Vinous, is a cooler, maritime-influenced part of Paso Robles, shaped by fog, ocean breezes, calcareous soils and longer ripening conditions.

Winemaking

L'Aventure For Her 2019 is a co-fermented blend listed in the estate vintage technical notes as **56% Syrah from Hilltop Block, 32% Graciano from Plateau and 12% Viognier from Terraces**. This unusual combination gives the wine its signature character: Syrah brings dark fruit, body and savoury spice; Graciano adds acidity, colour and aromatic lift; Viognier contributes floral perfume and textural polish.

The wine was bottled in March 2021 and aged for **14 months in French oak**, with 50% new barrels and 50% one-year-old barrels. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel, and the wine was bottled with no fining and no filtration. The estate gives it a drinking window of 20+ years, underlining the wine's structure, concentration and cellaring potential.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 56% Syrah, 36% Graciano, 12% Viognier

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby-purple, with impressive density and a youthful, saturated core that signals concentration and structure.
- **Aroma**: Cassis, blueberry, blackberry and black cherry rise from the glass, layered with violet, cracked pepper, licorice, mint chocolate, espresso, vanilla, smoked meat and graphite-like minerality.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied, polished and energetic, with velvety yet present tannins, seamless freshness and a long mineral-driven finish. Dark berry fruit, mocha, cola, pepper and savoury spice unfold with richness, while the floral lift of Viognier keeps the wine vibrant and refined.

Did you know?

For Her was first produced in 2013 and is named for **Stephan Asseo's wife, Beatrice**. L'Aventure describes it as a very small-production, wine club exclusive cuvée, created as a full-bodied, vibrant and beautifully balanced tribute to her personality.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Pepper-crusted ribeye steak**: The wine's Syrah depth, cracked pepper and firm tannins match the richness of grilled beef while enhancing charred, savoury flavours.
- **Braised lamb shank with rosemary**: Dark fruit, licorice and savoury spice complement slow-cooked lamb, while the wine's freshness balances the dish's richness.
- **Duck breast with blackberry reduction**: The blend's cassis and blueberry notes echo the sauce, while Graciano's acidity keeps the pairing precise and lifted.
- **Wild mushroom and truffle risotto**: Earthy mushrooms draw out the wine's smoky, mineral and meaty nuances, creating a luxurious pairing without needing red meat.

98 JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 98 Points (2019)

The 2019 For Her comes from a parcel of north-facing Syrah (56%) and the rest 32% Graciano and 12% Viognier that's always co-fermented. The élevage spans 14 months in 50% new and 50% once-used French oak. It has a darker edge in its blue fruits, pepper, asphalt, and violet aromatics, and this carries to a full-bodied, beautifully textured, supple, sexy red blend that has present tannins and one heck of a great finish. It has another 15+ years of prime drinking ahead of it.

97 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 97 Points (2019)

Dark ruby. Primary, spice-tinged cherry, blueberry, espresso, vanilla and floral aromas pick up a smoky accent with air. Sappy and penetrating on the palate, offering bitter cherry, dark berry, mocha and cola flavors and a spicy jolt of cracked pepper. Dusty tannins build steadily through a spice- and floral-driven finish that lingers with superb tenacity.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2019)

The 2019 For Her is a blend of 56% Syrah, 32% Graciano and 12% Viognier. Deep ruby-purple, it unfurls to cassis, mint chocolate, licorice and cracked pepper, with floral and meaty aromas coming through with time in the glass. The palate is elegant and polished, with fine, pixelated tannins, seamless freshness and a long, mineral-driven finish. It's a great candidate for extended cellaring.