L'Aventure

A wine club exclusive from L'Aventure Vineyard, For Her 2017 combines black fruit, violet, pepper and exotic spice with remarkable polish and depth.

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California, USA

Region and Vineyards

L'Aventure is based on the west side of Paso Robles, in California's Central Coast, where Stephan Asseo settled after leaving Bordeaux in 1998 in search of greater creative freedom. The estate's 127-acre property is defined by sloping hills, varied elevations, complex soils and excellent drainage, all central to the concentrated yet balanced fruit that shapes the house style.

For Her 2017 comes from **100% estate-grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard**, planted at very high density with more than 2,000 vines per acre. The wine is identified by Vinous as coming from Willow Creek District, Paso Robles, an AVA known for cooler conditions within Paso Robles, coastal fog, ocean breezes, limestone-influenced soils and dramatic mountainous topography.

Winemaking

L'Aventure For Her 2017 is a co-fermented blend of **54% Syrah from Hill Top Block, 32% Graciano and 14% Viognier**. Syrah provides dark fruit, depth and savoury spice; Graciano adds colour, acidity and tension; Viognier contributes floral perfume, exotic lift and a polished aromatic edge. The wine was bottled in March 2019 and made as a wine club exclusive.

Ageing lasted 14 months in French oak, with 40% new barrels and 60% one-year-old barrels, and malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was bottled with **no fining and no filtering**, preserving density and texture. The estate gives For Her a drinking horizon of 20+ years, while the 2017 reds were described by Stephan Asseo as classic, silky, expressive and balanced.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 54% Syrah, 32% Graciano, 14% Viognier

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep violet-ruby, nearly glass-staining, with a saturated core and youthful brightness that reflects both concentration and vitality.
- **Aroma**: Blackberry, boysenberry, blueberry jam and baked black fruits unfold with candied violet, ground pepper, melted licorice, incense, blood orange, charcuterie, grapefruit peel and exotic spice.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied, silky and layered, with ripe black and blue fruits, cherry liqueur, citrus-floral lift, mineral spice and powdery tannins. The finish is long, focused and vibrant, balancing Paso Robles richness with freshness and aromatic finesse.

Did you know?

For Her was first produced in 2013 and is named for **Stephan Asseo's wife, Beatrice**. L'Aventure presents it as a very small-production, wine club exclusive cuvée, always co-fermented from Syrah, Graciano and Viognier, designed to be full-bodied, vibrant, pure and gorgeously balanced.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye with black pepper crust**: The wine's Syrah richness, pepper notes and tannic structure match the char, fat and savoury depth of the steak.
- **Braised short ribs with licorice and star anise**: Slow-cooked beef amplifies the wine's dark fruit and texture, while the spices echo its exotic aromatic profile.
- **Duck breast with blood orange glaze**: The wine's citrus accents, violet notes and blue fruit character complement the glaze and bring freshness to the richness of duck.
- **Wild mushroom and black garlic risotto**: Earthy mushrooms and umami depth draw out the wine's mineral, incense and savoury charcuterie nuances.

99 JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 99 Points (2017)

The 2017 For Her is a riper, sexier wine compared to the cool-climate style of the Chloe cuvée and offers a rocking bouquet of exotic, black and blue fruits, ground pepper, melted licorice, and candied orange peel.

97 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 97 Points (2017)

Glass-staining violet. Displays expansive aromas of blackberry and boysenberry, with exotic spice, candied violet and incense notes building in the glass.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2017)

The 2017 For Her is a co-fermented blend of 54% Syrah, 32% Graciano and 14% Viognier. It has a medium to deep ruby color and is scented of blueberry jam, boysenberries, baked blackberries and pie spices with touches of mint leaves, blood orange, charcuterie, pepper, grapefruit peel and flowers. The medium to full-bodied, very silky palate spreads its wings to red, blue and black fruits with pretty floral and citrus accents, with powdery tannins and fantastic freshness to lift the long, layered finish. This is lovely!