

\$19.75

2016 Le P'tit Paysan 'Le P'tit Pape' product-timed-pdf - GSM Blend | San Benito County, Monterey CA - 93pts WE | 90pts WS from Winemaker of the Year

Why We're Drinking It

93pts Wine Enthusiast: *Ian Brand's flagship bottling just keeps getting better, yet stays reasonably priced. Light in the glass, this blend of 65% Grenache, 26% Syrah, 7% Mourvèdre and 2% Counoise offers lovely aromas of strawberry, red plum, white pepper, wild tomato and forest floor. It's taut in texture on the sip, holding cranberry and strawberry flavors in check, as dried sagebrush carries through the finish. *Editors' Choice**

90 points Wine Spectator: *A lanky red, laced with an appealing gamy quality and offering sleek and lean cherry, smoky anise and spice flavors. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Counoise. Drink now through 2023.*

[San Francisco Chronicle Winemaker of the Year](#)

Le P'tit Paysan is a small producer focused on showcasing the quality and diversity of the wines that Monterey and the nearby AVAs can create. Ian Brand is the owner and winemaker. Brand was named one of Wine & Spirits ["40 Under 40 Tastemakers"](#) in 2013 and says on the impetus for the Le P'tit Paysan wines, "We did not set out to make these wines. We discovered great vineyards at the edge of sensible farming and decided to bring them to light. The farther we looked, the more we found – remote, challenging vineyards, with hard depleted soils, and intense sunlight tempered only by the coastal breeze. Vineyards capable of producing only the most idiosyncratic wines. Our goal as winemakers is to lightly polish the roughest edges and leave the idiosyncrasy intact. It is here in the back country, filled with individual character, where Le P'tit Paysan comes to life."

Tasting Notes

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VARIETAL

Rhone Blend

APPELLATION

Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Clara county

ALCOHOL

14.00

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre
