

## 2019 AVIATOR

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

101 Cases | Bottled May 26, 2021

**Suggested Retail:** \$20

# FLYING CLOUD

WINERY

### FLYING CLOUD

Flying Cloud wines are produced at Stephen Ross Wine Cellars, and the name Flying Cloud pays tribute to the Eden Prairie airport in winemaker Stephen Ross Dooley's home state of Minnesota.

### VINTAGE

This is a blend of North San Luis Obispo County (Paso Robles) and South San Luis Obispo County (Edna Valley). Each region experienced average amounts of rainfall totals from the 2018/2019 winter. Although Paso Robles had warmer temperatures during the growing season, it was generally cool in the Edna Valley. Furthermore, the harvest weather was ideal, with consistent mild temperatures. We had the luxury to bring in fruit at a manageable pace, at ideal sugar and acid levels, over the duration of the long harvest season, starting in early September and continuing into October.

### WINEMAKING

The Aviator blend was made using classic Burgundian methods of production; the grapes were de-stemmed and crushed into small stainless-steel tanks, pumped over and punched down daily during the peak of fermentation, 12 to 14 days of skin contact, lightly pressed with a state-of-the-art stainless-steel basket press, and aged in neutral French oak barrels for eighteen months.

### Appellation:

Edna Valley (55% - Pinot Noir)

Paso Robles (45% - Zinfandel and Petite Sirah)

### Varieties:

55% Pinot Noir, 27% Petite Sirah, 18% Zinfandel

### Fermentation:

fermented in small open top stainless-steel refrigerated tanks.

### Aging:

Aged in 2-4 times filled French oak barrels 18 months.

<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>pH:</b>	<b>T.A.:</b>
14.0%	3.61	5.80 g/L



### TASTING NOTES

This wine has a deep ruby red color and brilliant clarity. The aromas are expressive with violets, Montmorency cherry notes and hints of baked fruit pie. Medium body with pleasant grippy tannins, bright clean fruit flavors and a lingering Boysenberry finish.