



SANS LIEGE GROUNDWORKS SYRAH

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Sans Liege is a hugely exciting project from the fashionable Californian region of Paso Robles, a region which is ushering in a wave of talented winemakers crafting characterful wines from the warm rolling hills, tempered by the sea breezes flowing through the Templeton Gap. The last decade has seen an explosion of new wineries and vineyards, making this perhaps the most dynamic wine region in the whole USA. Winemaker Curt Schalchlin focuses on Rhone varietals having been inspired by a trip to the region, sourcing grapes grown in high quality vineyards selected for their potential, from Paso Robles down to Solvang. The winery is in Tin City, a buzzing group of around 30 small-production wineries, craft breweries, distilleries and artisan food makers clustered together in a small industrial estate just outside the charming, laidback town of Paso Robles itself- these are truly US garagiste wines, in eye-catching packaging and a great example of the new wave of small US winemakers making an impact.

Curt makes two ranges: "Groundwork" which are single varietals in a lighter, lower intervention vin de soif style, and "Sans Liege", which are richer without being heavy, sometimes blends, and simply the very best wines he can make.

Groundworks Syrah

Organic and sustainably farmed grapes hand harvested from White Hawk & Evenson Vineyards. 100% destemmed fruit with 33% of stems returned to open top fermenter given punchdowns and pumpovers. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered with minimal SO2 added. Very much an elegant Northern Rhone style; medium-weight with silky blackberry and damson, peppercorns, olive tapenade, dried herbs, clove, forest floor

