



Garagiste

WINE CLUB

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Anonima Wine

Owners: Soren & Sierra Christensen

Winemaker: Soren Christensen

Location: Paso Robles, California

One of the tiniest garagiste wineries in the Central Coast region of Paso Robles, Anonimo Wine is a joint operation between winemaker Soren Christensen and his wife Sierra. The couple has long been involved in the Paso Robles wine industry and began Anonimo Wine in 2011 out of a desire to create something a little different than the norm. Anonimo crafts just 150 cases total each year, split between a Sangiovese-based Red Blend and a 100% Sangiovese Rosé.



Soren Christensen has been making wine in Paso Robles for over twenty years, starting at Hope Family Wines in 2000 and settling at Hearst Ranch Winery in 2015, where he is still the head winemaker today. He also spent time at the Rhône-variety based Alta Colina Winery along the way. Over the years, Soren has worked with some of the best vineyards in Paso Robles and he has become an outstanding winemaker in the world-class wine region.

Soren's Anonimo brand (Anonimo means 'anonymous' in Spanish and Italian) epitomizes what the Paso Robles winemaking spirit is all about - a bit unconventional and experimental with a desire to go against the 'norm,' while still making fabulous wines that are exciting, expressive, and terroir-driven, showcasing the distinctive and exceptional landscape of the region. Soren says he selected the name 'Anonimo' because he and his wife had a difficult time finding a winery name that wasn't already in use; so in turn, they decided to not have one at all and just be 'anonymous.'

Soren and Sierra also decided to blend grapes together in an unexpected way for their Anonimo wines. For their 2016 Red Blend (this month's featured wine), the couple selected Sangiovese from Paso Robles' El Pomar District, Mourvèdre from the Adelaida District, and Petite Sirah from the Estrella District. The result is a unique mix of Italian and French varietals that play together to create a rustic and complex wine that is also incredibly food-friendly (a must for Soren and Sierra who spend a fair amount of time in the kitchen). Their personal favorite food pairing with the Anonimo 2016 Red Blend is rigatoni with a tomato-based meat sauce and crusty bread lightly-toasted and drizzled with olive oil.

It is exciting to see winemakers such as Soren Christensen wanting to stand apart from the crowd and finding success with his distinctive, small-lot wines. Anonimo Wines is certainly a Garagiste producer to keep your eye on. Cheers!

Anonimo 2016 Red Blend

126 cases produced

Paso Robles, California

An inventive blend of 74% Sangiovese, 16% Mourvedre, and 10% Petit Sirah, the Anonimo 2016 Red Blend beautifully captures aromas of dark-strawberry, scarlet-red rose petal, sumac, cinnamon and milk chocolate on the nose. On the palate, there is a texture of chiseled stone and flavors of dark berry, pepper spice, and leather that balance nicely with the fresh acidity. The Petit Sirah lends the much needed weight and length to this refreshingly different wine. Aged in oak. Enjoy!

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$36.00 / bottle

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