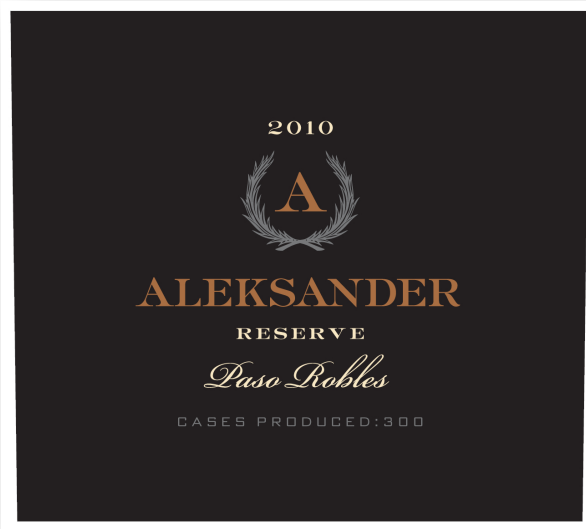




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We always wondered how much Aleksander would improve if we let it rest in French and Serbian oak barrels for an extra six to 12 months. So we tried it, and we liked it. The core of the Aleksander style was evident, but it was enhanced by added complexity and depth from the additional barrel time. Aleksander Reserve is the best of the Estate. We really don't even start to create Aleksander Reserve until after the wines have aged at least 18 months and we can identify the barrels with the most flavor intensity. Those are the ones destined to make the Reserve.

The 2010 Aleksander Reserve is Merlot-based, aged 30 months in barrels, mostly new French oak. It rested an additional one year in bottle prior to release. The color is deep, the nose intense. The mouthfeel is lush and the fruit rich.



Vintage: 2010

Varietals: 67% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon

Oak: French and Eastern European Oak barrels, over 30% new

Aging: 30 months in barrel

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.5

TA: 0.80 g/100ml

Cases Produced: 300

Release: August 2013

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2010 Aleksander Reserve by S & G Estate Awards and Reviews

**2014 Critic's Challenge Wine Competition
Critic's Platinum Medal, 94 Points**

**2014 San Diego International Wine Competition
Platinum Medal, 95 points**

**2014 San Francisco International Wine Competition
Silver Medal**

**Wine Spectator—Tim Fish
90 Points**

With a fleshy, supple texture and zesty, ripe fruit, this is an easy red to drink, offering appealing layers of dark cherry and red currant, revealing accents of spice and toasty oak. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2018. 300 cases made.

**Connoisseur's Guide—Charles Oken
91 points**

Never likely to be confused with any form of shrinking violet, this very ripe, very rich, deeply fruity, oaky wine will offend those who think everything from California goes over the top. On the other hand, there is a big and willing world that likes expressive wines like this one, and the members of that society will revel in its intense black cherry flavors and full-bodied palatal impressions. It is perhaps best partnered with savory lamb dishes where it should shine now and for at least a half decade and more beyond that. \$95.

**Wine Enthusiast—Matt Kettman
93 Points**

Boysenberry and blueberry form the fruit aromas on this wine made by the family of former Los Angeles Laker Sasha Vujacic. In addition, it features a dark black-dirt minerality, black olive, cinnamon bark and absinthe-like scents. The tannins coat the mouth along with blue and purple fruit flavors, and it ends with strong acidity. — M.K. [11/1/2014]

**WineTalk by Robert Whitley
95 Points**

This red Bordeaux-style blend leans heavily on the Merlot grape, which accounts for more than 60 percent of the blend. The Merlot flexes its muscles in a way that might surprise some, showing richness and power without losing its sense of balance. Layered plum and blackberry fruits dominate, with hints of spice and mocha rounding out the package. The tannins are ripe and nicely integrated, contributing to a supple, generous mouthfeel that is certainly among the most attractive aspects of this wine. Rating: 95.



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