



## 2007 Espérance



The 2007 Esperance marks a serious shift in vineyard sourcing, which (in my opinion) has yielded a much bigger, more profound wine! We sourced all of the Grenache Noir (John Alban clone) for this vintage from the Terra Bella Vineyard in West Side Paso Robles...Grenache is the backbone of this wine, with 25% Syrah added from the cooler climes of the Santa Ynez Valley, to add spice notes and tannins to the very rich and fruit forward Grenache. We finished the blend off with Mourvedre that is grown on very steep hillsides in Paso Robles...a unique Mourvedre that lends a floral, lifted note to the wine. We also shifted our winemaking and aging regimen with this vintage...employing more whole clusters into the small-lot Grenache fermentations, and a higher percentage of new French Oak...33% new, with the balance 1-2 years old.

"Espérance" translates into "Hope" from French to English. With this wine, we "hope" to not only recreate the great reds of Southern France, but we further "hope" to craft a wine that will inspire your senses the way we were inspired over a decade ago."

**Varieties:** 60% Grenache Noir, 25% Syrah, 15% Mourvedre

**Vineyard Composition:**

60% Grenache Noir, **Terra Bella Vineyard**, Paso Robles  
25% Syrah, **Watch Hill**, Santa Ynez Valley  
15% **Mourvedre**, Brave Oak Vineyard, Paso Robles

**Production:** 400 12bottle X 750 mL Cases

**Release Date:** October, 2010

**Release Price:** \$30/750 mL Bottle

**Recent Reviews:**

**89 Points Robert Parker, Jr.**

**90 Points *The Rhone Report*:** *The 2007 Andrew Murray Espérance, a blend of 60% Grenache, 25% Syrah, and 15% Mourvedre, aged mainly in neutral oak, displays gorgeously smooth and polish aromatics of raspberries and black cherry fruit, spice, flowers, and underbrush, medium body, a smooth, supple texture, and long finish. Beautifully balanced and seamless, this outstanding red will deliver loads of pleasure over the next 5 years or more.*

**General Praise for Andrew Murray Vineyards**

**From Robert Parker, Jr.** "One of the shining stars in the Santa Barbara Firmament", and "Andrew Murray's offerings are a breath of fresh air given their exceptionally high quality and realistic prices-readers take note." And **Food and Wine Magazine** named Andrew 'Taste Maker of the Year' and described him as, "One of the most fearsome talents in food and wine."