

The Solar Fortún Estate:

- Solar Fortún is a family owned and operated winery that was officially established in 2010 and planted 3 years prior in 2007. Coming from a background in theoretical and natural physics, (both of Santiago's parents are professors of physics at the university in Ensenada), the plan for this estate was methodical and precise, with no consideration left unattended.
- Fully sustainable, (and idyllic to the point of being completely transportive) the only non-renewable resource they use in their operation is the fuel that runs their tractor. As the harvests, and almost all of the work in the vineyards is done by hand, it doesn't get used much!
- All grapes are estate grown in an organically farmed vineyard site at 1,100 ft elevation in the northern most section of the valley, approximately 15 miles from the Pacific in a part of the valley called Francisco Zarco. The confining walls are so tight at this point that they create more of a canyon than a valley. This creates a unique micro climate where the temperature differential between the mountainsides and the valley floor generates a nearly constant breeze eliminating the risk of cluster rot or powdery mildew. This cooler climate also plays a role in the high natural acidity of these wines and their very prevalent floral components.

Total production: 18.5 acres under vine, 10 wines, 3,000 cases



2020 Mourvedre - Solar Fortún

Tasting Notes and Drinking Window:
 2020 is the second year winemaker Santiago Lopez has chosen to make this wine, (which was a monovarietal since inception) into a blend. Still largely Mourvedre, the 2020 was blended with 15% of his estate Syrah. The result is a bit of additional baritone base to the always high register tight berry and floral notes that typify his Mourvedre. Straight out of the gate the wine is well integrated, with the fruit profile integrating immediately with the barrels used to age it. Excited to see where this one goes over the next decade.

500 Cases made
Drinking window - Upon release - 7 years

Vintage:
 2020

Blend:
 100% Mourvedre

Producer:
 Solar Fortun

Winemaker:
 Santiago Lopez - Mexican

Vineyards:
 Valle de Guadalupe, ejido de Francisco Zarco - Estate vineyards in a tight valley with sandy soils of decomposed sandstone and some red clay. Vines were planted in 2007 and the elevation is 1,100 ft.

Winemaking:
 Fermented in stainless steel tanks for 2 weeks and then racked to American oak barrels and aged for 12 months.

Sulfites: 30 ppm

Farming:
 Organic, sustainable

Alcohol:
 13.6%