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2009 Esprit de Beaucastel Paso Robles

"A blend of 40% Mourvèdre, 28% Syrah, 27% Grenache and 5% Counoise, this estate-grown and bottled blend easily picks up the limestone soil in which it is born in the hills of western Paso. This minerality heightens the intensity of every nuance (earthy white pepper and dense fruit). It earns rich, meaty stripes of Rhône-dom."

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