

JUSTIN *Production Notes*



*The highest expression of our
winemaking abilities*

Appellation: Paso Robles

Composition: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc, 8% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot

Bottling Data:

pH: 3.64

Total Acidity: 0.68 g/100ml

Alcohol: 15.0% by volume

Bottling Period: 12/13 - 12/17/2010

Release Date: May 1, 2010

2008 ISOSCELES

Philosophy

Our iconic Bordeaux blend was always the dream concept of Justin Baldwin, in the model of the great Bordeaux left-bank wines of Pauillac and Margaux. Over 20 years of experience have helped guide us to great vineyards and low yields, and to spare no expense on production equipment and French barrels, to make the finest wine of Paso Robles. Yet every vintage provides new challenges, and new attempts to drive excellence in a cellarable but immediately delicious blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, and merlot.

Vintage Summary

The 2008 growing season began with a wet winter dropping close to record rainfall. February warmed up quickly, prompting the grapes to burst through last year's wood in early March, earlier than usual. The water reservoir in the soil set up for a great growing season, but spring turned schizophrenic. Dramatic changes in weather (cool to wind to frost to scorching heat) resulted in "shatter" berry set, reducing natural yields up to 50%. Harvest was very light, with yields up to 70% below normal. Fall temperatures were cooler than usual, but very consistent, allowing us to extensively sort all our grapes in detail. Harvest took place from early September through early November, depending on the micro-climate of the vineyard.

Harvest Notes

Harvest Period: Merlot 9/4-9/22/08, Cabernet Franc 9/28-10/26/08, Cabernet Sauvignon 9/28-11/2/08

Average Brix at Harvest: 26.5° Brix

Vinification:

Fermentation: Stainless steel, 10-15 days with UV-43 yeast

Pump-overs: 2-4 times daily during fermentation

Maceration: 28 - 35 days including fermentation

Maturation: 24 months in 225L French oak barrels (Allier, Nevers, Vosges); 65% new barrels

Tasting Notes

Color: Deep ruby core

Aroma: Gorgeous ripe raspberry and currant with soft oak notes of vanilla. A touch of roast coffee adds to the dazzling range of aromas.

Palate: Layers of clean, direct fruit show themselves varyingly with each sip as flavors of blackcurrant and brown spice intensify. The crisp, yet surprisingly grippy mid-palate shows promise of a long future in cellar.



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