



2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



A versatile, traditionally
crafted Paso Robles
Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Composition:
Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:
Paso Robles

Bottling Data:

pH: 3.77

Total Acidity: 0.57g/100mL

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

Release Date:

April 2019

Philosophy

With attractive aromas of black fruit and spice, this smooth, ready-to-drink Cabernet Sauvignon is made in Paso Robles with the same care as the highest quality, traditionally crafted Bordeaux styled wines. Our grapes are hand-picked and sorted by-the-berry for consistent quality and flavor. JUSTIN Cabernet Sauvignon then spends thirteen months in traditional small oak barrels to impart depth and complexity, highlighting the exceptional balance of flavors and textures that the unique climate and soils of Paso Robles add to the classic Cabernet character in this exceptional wine.

Vintage Notes

The 2018 vintage started with a cool winter with only 60% of normal precipitation, most of it occurring from late February through March. Bud break began in mid to late March. May and June alternated between warm and cool temperatures during flowering, including a few windy days that naturally reduced our yields a bit. The warm weather began in June and it was hot from mid-June through the end of July with veraison starting in the last week of July. High heat continued until mid-August causing the vines to shut down slightly, delaying ripeness and maturity, but a cooling trend later in August got things back on track. The characteristic Paso warm days and cold nights in September with the help of our calcareous soils retained natural acidity in the fruit while we waited for full ripeness and maturity. The rains stayed away through October allowing us to harvest only as perfect balance of flavor and structure developed in each block of our cabernet grapes through the second week of November.

Vinification

Fermentation: UV43 yeast and twice daily pumpovers, in open and closed top stainless steel tanks

Maturation: Barrel aged for 13 months in American oak (25% new)

Tasting Notes by *Jim Gerakaris, CWE - JUSTIN Winery Sommelier*

Appearance: Deep ruby-purple core with a lighter rim and slightly stained, tears forming on the glass.

Aroma: Aromatic with ripe black cherry and cassis with dusty tobacco leaf, baking spice, oak, leather, camphor and hint of subtle purple flowers.

Palate: Dry, almost full-bodied on entry with ripe black cherry leading black currant and red berry fruit, with vanilla and cinnamon spice and oak accents leading a mid-palate with sustained black and red fruit, dried autumn leaf and subtle camphor notes. The finish is moderately long and fresh with lingering fruit, oak and baking spice framed by firm, balanced tannins. The 2018 JUSTIN Cabernet Sauvignon is an extremely versatile red wine, making it a perfect go-to red wine that performs well beyond its category. Try it with pizza, a vegetable lasagna, or an aged prime steak right off the grill. It's the perfect red wine to bring to a party or for a dinner with friends.