



2018 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Classic Cabernet
Sauvignon at its best

Varietal Composition:
Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:
Paso Robles

Bottling Data:

pH: 3.61

Total Acidity: 0.62g/100mL

Alcohol: 16.1% by volume

Philosophy

The 2018 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the best Paso Robles Cabernets available. Crafted from the same quality fruit as our flagship ISOSCELES blend, and made of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is a Cabernet lover's dream. This wine is bold and complex with ripe black fruit, sweet spice and that classic Cabernet mix of savory and herbal character. Its structural texture keeps this wine balanced and fresh from its beginning through its very long, complex finish. It's drinking well on release, but don't hesitate to hold it for a few years or even a decade to see how it evolves... if you can wait. There is plenty there to enjoy for a long while.

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 our cabernet sauvignon blocks for a perfect balance of flavor and structure.

Vinification

Fermentation: Stainless steel open & closed top tanks with UV43 yeast, twice daily pump overs.

Maturation: Barrel aged for 21 months in 100% French oak (50% new)

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

Appearance: Clear and bright with a deep ruby/purple core, slightly lighter at the rim with slow forming lightly stained tears.

Aroma: Highly aromatic and complex with lush, ripe black cherry, cassis and blackberry jam with oak, vanilla, cedar, camphor, sweet tobacco, cocoa and subtle floral notes.

Palate: Full-bodied with rich, ripe black fruit of cherry, black currant and boysenberry mixed with barrel spice and balanced oak on the entry. The mid palate shows sustained fruit with savory elements of dried autumn leaves, cedar and cocoa. Firm, mouth-filling tannins lead into to a long, fresh finish with black cherry and camphor. Rich and luscious, yet beautifully balanced, the 2018 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon lives up to its reputation as one of the best Cabernets in Paso. Try it with flavorful meat dishes like BBQ beef ribs, brisket, or a prime ribeye steak. It also goes great with dark chocolate!