

2019 FOCUS



*Intense and complex,
Showing the ultimate
potential of Paso
Robles Syrah*

Varietal Composition:
Syrah

Appellation:
Paso Robles

Bottling Data:
pH: 3.78

Total Acidity: 0.63g/100mL

Alcohol: 16.1% by volume

Bottling Date:

February 8, 2021

Philosophy

For more than thirty years, JUSTIN has been known for producing iconic Bordeaux-styled wines. Not to be typecast, we conceived FOCUS, a handcrafted, limited production wine that expresses the now world-famous potential of Paso Robles to produce the highest quality New World Syrah. For the 2019 FOCUS, we selected the best of the best syrah fruit of the vintage and released only a few hundred cases of this remarkable wine that showcases our ability to craft exceptional wines in a variety of styles.

Vintage Notes

2019 started with a cool winter with normal precipitation, breaking the dry trend of the previous six years. Spring was wet and cool with bud break coming a few weeks later than usual. Flowering progressed normally with minimal shatter occurring in a few blocks. June was dry with the first real warming trend beginning towards the end of the month. July started warm, showing the typical Paso Robles pattern of hot days and cold nights, but cooler weather toward the end of the month delayed veraison by a few weeks. Mid-August warmed again and stayed that way through early September with the usual Paso cold Fall nights providing great balance as we picked our blocks of syrah fruit through late September and early October.

Vinification

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

Maturation: Barrel aged for 14 months in 100% new French oak

Tasting Notes by Jim Gerakaris, CWE - JUSTIN Winery Sommelier

Appearance: Bright with dark purple/ruby core and only slightly lighter toward the rim with slow forming moderately stained tears on the glass.

Aroma: Aromatic with ripe black berry, barrel spice and savory cracked pepper, dried herbs, smoky oak with leather and subtle meaty notes.

Palate: Full bodied, with black berry fruit, red cherry accents, and vanilla on entry, with a markedly savory mid-palate with dried herbs, cracked pepper, leather, smoky oak, and mouth filling, chewy tannins through a long, fresh finish showing lingering black and red fruit, sweet and savory spice with oak and some meaty notes. The 2019 FOCUS is full, highly textured with ripe fruit and savory elements that makes it a great accompaniment to full flavored meat dishes with garlic and herbs like a BBQ brisket, or spareribs.