

2016 SAVANT



*A bold and complex
blend with superb
balance*

Varietal Composition:

62% Syrah, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:
Paso Robles

Bottling Data:
pH: 3.73

Total Acidity: 0.67 g/100mL

Alcohol: 15.5% by volume

Release Date:

September 2018

Philosophy

A unique blend that combines the distinctive characteristics of Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, the two most highly regarded red grape varieties grown in Paso Robles. The 2016 SAVANT exhibits the depth and complexity that Paso is famous for, while still displaying the elegant, food friendly JUSTIN style. Rich, with full ripe black fruit, spice and smoky meaty elements, it's a wine that lovers of bold wines will love, while still being classy enough to display exquisite table manners, pairing well with a wide variety of food.

Vintage Notes

The 2016 vintage started with a warm winter, with near normal precipitation levels. The rain was helpful to replenish the underlying soils a bit for the coming vintage, but not enough to break a five-year drought. The spring was warm, causing an early bud break followed by a cooling period that prolonged the flowering season without negatively affecting pollination, spreading out the season a bit. June and July were warm with veraison only slightly earlier than normal but lasting a bit longer due to the variable flowering times seen in the spring. August stayed warm through early September when things cooled a bit, allowing the remaining fruit to continue to develop beautifully through September and October balancing ripeness and maturity in our syrah and cabernet sauvignon parcels and giving the 2016 SAVANT its bold, yet balanced character.

Vinification

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

Maturation: Barrel aged for 20 months in 100% French oak (52% new)

Tasting Notes by Jim Gerakaris, CWE - JUSTIN Winery Sommelier

Appearance: Nearly opaque purple/ruby core with blue/black secondary hue, lighter at the rim with thick, moderately stained tears in the glass.

Aroma: Aromatic with ripe black cherry, blackcurrant and boysenberry with vanilla and cinnamon spice and oak with a little smoke, dusty autumn leaves, leather, cracked pepper and cocoa.

Palate: Dry and full-bodied with black fruit and baking spice on entry with more savory leather, smoke and oak character with subtle dried herbs on the mid-palate. The finish is long, clean and textured with lingering cherry and berry fruit, leather matched by chewy, chalky tannins that linger as the finish fades. The 2016 SAVANT has the bold character of a Paso Syrah mixed with the stately elegance that Cabernet brings to the blend and pairs perfectly with a wide variety full flavored dishes like barbeque ribs, grilled veggies with herbs, or braised beef.