

## 2019 SAVANT

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*A bold and complex  
blend with superb  
balance*

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**Varietal Composition:**

55% Syrah,  
45% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation:**  
Paso Robles

**Bottling Data:**  
pH: 3.73  
Total Acidity: 0.61g/100mL  
Alcohol: 15.5% by volume

### Philosophy

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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 2019 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

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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 toward the end of the month. July started off 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. Harvest started in late September and went into early November. The extended and varied picking dates captured the variety of flavors and complexity that are evident in the 2019 SAVANT.

### Vinification

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**Fermentation:** Stainless steel open and closed top tanks with UV43 yeast, twice daily pump overs/ punch downs.

**Maturation:** Barrel aged for 21 months in 100% French oak (48% new)

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

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**Appearance:** Bright, deep purple-ruby core, lighter at the rim with moderate slightly stained tears on the glass.

**Aroma:** Robust aromas of boysenberry, black cherry, plums with dried herbs, black pepper, baking spice, leather, camphor and oak.

**Palate:** Full, with ripe blackberry, pluot, and mixed cherries with cinnamon, black pepper, and tanned leather on the entry. Robustly textured tannins lead to a mid-palate featuring smoked tea leaves and savory meats. The long and balanced finish is dominated by the lasting flavors of dried cranberry, camphor and baking spices. The 2019 SAVANT is a mouth-filling, bold wine with a balanced combination of ripe fruit and savory elements which will pair well with dishes like grilled hangar steak with chimichurri sauce or game meats such as venison and wild boar. the 2019 SAVANT.