



2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



A versatile, traditionally
crafted Paso Robles
Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Composition:
Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:
Paso Robles

Bottling Data:
pH: 3.72

Total Acidity: 0.59g/100mL

Alcohol: 15.0% by volume

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 fourteen 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

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 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 Robles cold Fall nights, which preserves natural acidity in the fruit, giving us the ability to pick each of our blocks of cabernet sauvignon only when it achieved full ripeness and maturity from late September through October.

Vinification

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

Maturation: Barrel aged for 14 months in American oak (25% new)

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

Appearance: Dark ruby purple core, lighter toward the rim of the glass, with moderately stained tears.

Aroma: Aromatic with attractive ripe black cherry, black currant over black and red berry with vanilla, cinnamon, oak, leather, autumn leaf with cedar and licorice accents.

Palate: Dry and near full-bodied with ripe dark fruit of cherry and cassis and berry notes on entry joined by vanilla, cinnamon and oak barrel notes toward the mid palate with savory tobacco, leather and cedar elements. The finish is moderately long and clean, showing baking spice, licorice and subtle camphor over sustain complex fruit. The 2019 JUSTIN Cabernet is an exceptionally balanced Cabernet, showing both rich, complex fruit and a fresh palate even in its youth, making it a versatile red wine at a great price that pairs well with a variety of dishes. Try it with some hard sheep's milk cheeses and salami, a rotisserie chicken with garlic and herbs, homemade pizzas, pasta Bolognese, or a nice steak. You'll find this wine a great accompaniment to just about anything you would want to have with a red wine.