

# Opolo

## 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Paso Robles

Cabernet Sauvignon has been a flagship at Opolo for more than a decade. During this time, Paso Robles has risen to global recognition as a world-class region for Cabernet Sauvignon. We source Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate vineyards as well as select vineyards across the region to create an exemplary expression of Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### Vineyards

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of fruit from three select vineyards located in three distinct AVAs of Paso Robles, enabling us to create a wine of natural depth and complexity. The majority of the fruit comes from Parrish Vineyard in the El Pomar District, which benefits from cooling marine breezes that flow inland through the Templeton Gap, a notch in the coastal mountains. The blend also includes fruit from our Quinn West estate vineyard in the Willow Creek District, a coveted calcareous-rich terroir in the westside coastal mountains. Finally, a small contribution of fruit from our estate vineyard in the warmer Estrella District layers in a touch of ripe, fruity dimension.

#### Winemaking

Under the direction of winemakers James Schreiner and Chris Rougeot, the fruit underwent a four-day cold soak for gentle extraction. This was followed by a warm fermentation at an average of 88 degrees to draw out further extraction of color and tannin. After fermentation, the free-run juice was selected to ensure a pure, full mouthfeel. After settling, the lots were racked to 35-percent new French oak barrels, where they were aged for 20 months with one interim racking in the spring. Barrel selection featured 36-month seasoned French oak from premium coopers.

#### Winemakers' Tasting Notes

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of black cherry, blackberry foam and smoke. A deep, sleek texture reveals black fruit flavors with hints of black olive, toasted marshmallow, caramel cream and roast coffee. Notes of toasted nuttiness and slight tar join lush tannins on a full, juicy finish.

#### Varietal Composition

Cabernet Sauvignon 85%  
Malbec 10%  
Petit Verdot 5%

#### Appellation

Paso Robles

#### Sub AVAs

Willow Creek  
El Pomar  
Estrella

#### Aging

20 Months in French Oak  
(35%)

#### Analysis

TA: .64  
pH: 3.76  
Alc. by Volume: 14.5%  
Cases Produced: 2,522

