

Opolo

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT | PASO ROBLES

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve comes from our winery estate in the westside coastal Willow Creek District—one of Paso Robles' prime terroirs for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon.

VINEYARDS

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve was grown at our Quinn West estate vineyard, specifically a newer planting of Clone 337, a premier Bordeaux clone prized for its robust structure and elegance. Quinn West vineyard is located at the main Opolo estate along sloping mountain terrain in the heart of the Willow Creek District. Here, the Linne Calodo complex soils are composed of calcareous limestone and clay—a favored soil type for Cabernet Sauvignon. These soils combine with the Willow Creek District's cooler marine-moderated climate to deliver extended hang time well into October. These conditions produce small, intensely flavored Cabernet Sauvignon berries that exhibit exemplary quality with excellent tannin structure.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was handpicked at night to ensure freshness and integrity. Each lot was cold soaked for four days, then fermented in stainless steel tanks over a period of 16 days. Winemakers James Schreiner and Chris Rougeot conducted continual phenolic management during fermentation to cultivate optimal mouthfeel and structure. After fermentation, the free-run juice was racked to French oak barrels for an initial aging period. The following April, Schreiner and Rougeot conducted a thorough barrel selection, ultimately blending their favorite 12 barrels for Opolo Reserve treatment, with seven of the barrels featuring new oak. The wine underwent extended aging, ultimately spending 19 months in the barrel prior to bottling.

WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve presents brooding aromas of maraschino cherry, violet, toasted oak and smoked caramel. The mouthfeel is broad and luxuriant, expanding across the palate with seamless flavors of black currant, blueberry, fig, leather, cinnamon and savory spice. Sleek, pliable tannins imbue the finish with length and elegance—a fitting flourish to this age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Composition**

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Appellation

Willow Creek District

Aging

19 Months in French oak barrels (58% new)

Analysis

TA 6.2 pH 3.92 Alcohol 14.9% Cases Produced 267