



# Opolo

## 2021 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 this iconic Bordeaux variety. We source Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate Willow Creek District vineyards as well as select sites across the region to create an exemplary expression of Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon.*

### VINEYARDS

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon comes predominantly from our two Willow Creek District estates—Quinn West and To the Moon, representing 81 percent of the final blend. The Willow Creek District is a coveted calcareous-rich terroir in the westside coastal mountains of Paso Robles. Here, sloping terrain and cooler temperatures produce Cabernet Sauvignon with impressive structure and varietal character. With the 2021 vintage, we complemented our estate fruit with grapes from the eastside El Pomar District, which benefits from cooling marine breezes that flow inland through the Templeton Gap, a notch in the coastal mountains. The El Pomar fruit layers in riper flavors and textures that add dimension to the finished wine..

### WINEMAKING

Under the direction of winemakers James Schreiner and Chris Rougeot, each lot underwent a three to four-day cold soak for gentle extraction. This was followed by warm fermentations at an average of 88 to 90 degrees to draw out further extraction of color and tannin. At the conclusion of fermentation, the free-run juice was selected to ensure a pure, full mouthfeel. After settling, the free-run lots were racked to 50-percent new French oak barrels, where they were aged for six months prior to blending. The final blend was then returned to barrels for 10 additional months of maturation and integration.

### WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon offers rich aromas of cherry, black currant, cedar, caramel and tea. The palate is impeccably weighted with layers of blueberry, black cherry, plum, loam, toasted oak and black olive. Sleek, chewy tannins expand into a resoundingly balanced finish. A banner vintage for Opolo Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### Composition

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

#### Appellation

Paso Robles

#### Aging

16 Months in French oak barrels (50% new)

#### Analysis

TA 6.0 pH 3.59 Alcohol 14.5% Cases Produced 2,376