

Opolo

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT | PASO ROBLES

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is a limited barrel selection from our two estate vineyards in the westside Willow Creek District—one of Paso Robles' prime terroirs for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon.

VINEYARDS

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve comes from our original Quinn West estate (30%) as well as the contiguous To the Moon Vineyard (70%), a newer planting that we are excited to enfold into the Opolo portfolio. Quinn West is planted to calcareous creekbed slopes that retain cooler temperatures, while To the Moon unfolds along hilltop slopes with enhanced sun exposure and powdery calcareous soils. While the blocks featured in this wine are both planted to Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 337, To the Moon was picked a full 30 days before Quinn West in 2021—a testament to the contrasting micro-terroirs of these two adjacent sites. Together, these vineyards combine to produce a Cabernet Sauvignon of complexity, structure and vivid varietal character.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was handpicked in the early morning 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 16 barrels for Opolo Reserve treatment, with eight of the barrels featuring new oak. The barrel selection included 36-month seasoned premium French oak, adding fullness and elevation to the mouthfeel. The wine was aged for a total of 16 months prior to bottling.

WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve displays a deep garnet color that foreshadows the experience to come. Heady aromas of blueberry and blackberry are trailed by hints of leather and eucalyptus. The mouthfeel is dense and sumptuous, showing seamless layers of black cherry, plum, tobacco and black olive with accents of mineral, vanilla and baking spice. Fine tannins add volume and length to a smooth, rounded finish.

**Composition**

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Appellation

Willow Creek District

Aging

16 Months in French oak barrels (50% new)

Analysis

TA 6.3 pH 3.56 Alcohol 14.7% Cases Produced 352