

# Opolo

## 2020 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 vineyards as well as select vineyards across the region to create an exemplary expression of Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon.

### Vineyards

The 2020 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 tone is set with fruit from our Quinn West estate vineyard in the Willow Creek District, a coveted calcareous-rich terroir in the westside coastal mountains. Here, sloping terrain and cooler temperatures produce Cabernet Sauvignon with impressive structure and varietal character. We complement the estate component with fruit from the El Pomar District, which benefits from cooling marine breezes that flow inland through the Templeton Gap, a notch in the 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, 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 40-percent new French oak barrels, where they were aged for 13 months prior to blending. The final blend was then returned to barrels for three additional months of maturation and integration. The barrel selection included 36-month seasoned premium French oak, adding fullness and elevation to the mouthfeel.

### Winemakers' Tasting Notes

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon is boldly aromatic with scents of black cherry, black olive, pencil shaving, leather and cinnamon. A rich, expansive mouthfeel displays a seamless range of red, blue and black fruits with accents of tobacco, caramel and toasty oak. Chewy tannins bring density to a smooth, polished finish. A banner vintage for Opolo Cabernet Sauvignon.

### Appellation

Paso Robles

### Aging

16 Months in French oak barrels (40% new)

### Analysis

TA: 6.3 g/L

pH: 3.92

Alc. by Volume: 14.4%

Cases Produced: 2,583

