

Opolo

2022 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 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon comes predominantly from our two Willow Creek District estates—Quinn West and To the Moon. 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 2022 vintage, we complemented our Willow Creek District fruit with grapes from our two estates in the eastside Estrella District, which benefit from cooling marine breezes that flow inland through the Templeton Gap, a notch in the coastal mountains. A dash of Syrah from To The Moon Vineyard brought added floral notes and textural volume to the final blend.

WINEMAKING

Under the direction of winemakers James Schreiner and Skye Bruce, 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. Phenolic management during fermentation allowed for a balance of intense color and flavor with smooth, pleasurable tannins. At the conclusion of fermentation, the free-run juice was selected to ensure a pure, full mouthfeel. After settling, these lots were racked to 45 percent new French oak barrels, where they were aged for five months prior to barrel selection and blending. The final blend was then returned to barrels for 12 additional months of maturation and integration.

WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon presents aromas of ripe plum, bramble fruits, black cherry and chocolate with suggestions of leather and black tea. The mouthfeel is weighty, showing soft, expansive flavors of blackberry, blueberry, cherry liqueur, herbs and vanilla bean spices. The finish is chewy and integrated with fine acidity and smooth tannins.



Composition

Cabernet Sauvignon 80% | Malbec 8% | Syrah 7% | Petite Sirah 5%

Appellation

Paso Robles

Aging

17 Months in French oak barrels (45% new)

Analysis

TA 5.7 pH 3.64 Alcohol 14.6% Cases Produced 2,979