

Opolo

2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON SUMMIT CREEK | PASO ROBLES

Our Summit Creek line is dedicated to flagship grape varieties made in an approachable style, as exemplified by the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon. Opolo's longtime passion for Cabernet Sauvignon is reflected in the Paso Robles region's rise to prominence as an elite area for the variety.

VINEYARDS

The 2023 Summit Creek Cabernet Sauvignon comes predominantly from Opolo's own estates in the inland interiors of the Estrella District (56%) and westside coastal mountains of the Willow Creek District (33%). Paso Robles is marked by a warm growing season that is moderated by reliable evening breezes from the nearby coastline. These conditions allow the fruit to develop rich, ripe flavors with plump tannins and fine structure—the hallmarks of Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon. Our warmer interior vineyards are notable for their rich, juicy flavors, while our westside coastal sites contribute added heft and structure, all combining to create a wine of natural dimension and complexity. In 2023, a small complement from the Highlands District (11%) brought an added layer of soft red berry fruit to the wine.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was handpicked at night to ensure freshness and integrity. Each lot was cold soaked for three days, then fermented in stainless steel tanks. Winemakers James Schreiner and Skye Bruce conducted continual phenolic management during fermentation to create a balance of intense color and flavor with smooth, pleasurable tannins. The separate lots were aged with 35 percent new French oak for five months. The final blend was assembled, then aged for an additional six months for full integration. The blend was created with an eye toward the established Summit Creek style of fruit-forward approachability combined with fine structure and brushstrokes of French oak.

WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Summit Creek Cabernet Sauvignon offers a heady aroma profile of black currant, plum, black olive, vanilla and caramel. The palate is sleek, voluminous and varietally authentic with layered flavors of cherry, cassis, blue fruit and graphite with hints of earth and mineral. Medium-weight tannins glide into a round, integrated finish. The result is an immensely accessible Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon that offers extraordinary value.

APPELLATION

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ANALYSIS

TA: .60

pH: 3.72

Alc by Volume: 14.6%

Cases Produced: 8,583

AGING

11 Months in French oak barrels

