

Opolo

2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT | PASO ROBLES

The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is a limited barrel selection from our founding estate vineyard in the westside Willow Creek District—one of Paso Robles' prime terroirs for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon.

VINEYARDS

The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve comes from hand-selected rows at our original Quinn West estate in the mountainous Willow Creek District. These rows, situated along the highest to middle parts of blocks A5 and A6, were chosen for their beautifully formed berries and evident fruit intensity. Quinn West is planted to calcareous creekbed slopes that retain cooler temperatures than other parts of the estate, enabling the Cabernet Sauvignon fruit to gain peak physiological maturity and 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 Skye Bruce conducted continual phenolic management during fermentation to cultivate optimal mouthfeel and structure. After fermentation, the free-run juice was racked to 50 percent new French oak barrels for an initial aging period. The following April, Schreiner and Bruce conducted a thorough barrel selection, ultimately blending their favorite eight barrels for Opolo Reserve treatment. The barrel selection included five-year seasoned premium French oak, adding fullness and elevation to the mouthfeel. The wine was aged for a total of 19 months prior to bottling.

WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is heady right out of the glass with concentrated aromas of black cherry, currant and olallieberry underpinned by trailing suggestions of tar, loam and graphite. The palate is flush and seamless, displaying flavors of blueberry and cranberry with notes of black plum, black olive, savory spice and toasted oak. Fresh acidity, fine tannins and hints of minerality unfold into a lively, focused finish. An intellectual Cabernet Sauvignon with a vivid sense of place.



Composition

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Appellation

Willow Creek District, Paso Robles

Aging

19 Months in French Oak Barrels

Analysis

TA .60 pH 3.58 Alcohol 15.1% Cases Produced 210