

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018



VINEYARD & VINTAGE

In Paso Robles wine country, Cabernet is King. Today, almost half of all vines planted in the Paso Robles AVA are Cabernet Sauvignon. The Mediterranean climate offering warm days and cool nights, coupled with well-drained alluvial soil all echo the growing conditions of Bordeaux, France. This inevitably set the stage for local winemakers to produce world-class Cabernet Sauvignon, and so they have, making Cabernet one of the Flagship varieties of Paso.

Due to the geological diversity in the area, no two Cabernets are the same. Our vineyard estates at Bianchi Winery are tucked into the hills of the Geneseo District, on the East side of the Paso Robles AVA. The more granular, calcareous soils of the East side help maintain natural acidity and a strong backbone in our wines. Two clones were hand-selected by our winemaker to influence our Cabernet Sauvignon. The first of these is the well-known Clone 8 which flourishes in our vineyards at Bianchi. Also called the Concannon Clone, this clone comes from a Chateau Margaux mother vine taken in 1893. It is the most popular and widely planted Cabernet clone in all of California and is well regarded for its consistently high yields, good, strong fruit quality and late maturity. The second clone, Clone 337, is also a highly favored clone known for its contribution of stronger tannins. Clone 337 yields smaller clusters and smaller berries that lead to dense and complex wines with bright fruit notes. Our blend of these two clones produces a fruit-forward style of Paso Robles Cabernet that is also rich, structured and well-balanced. Such a unique blend stemming from the Geneseo District of Paso Robles creates a truly unique expression of the terroir here.

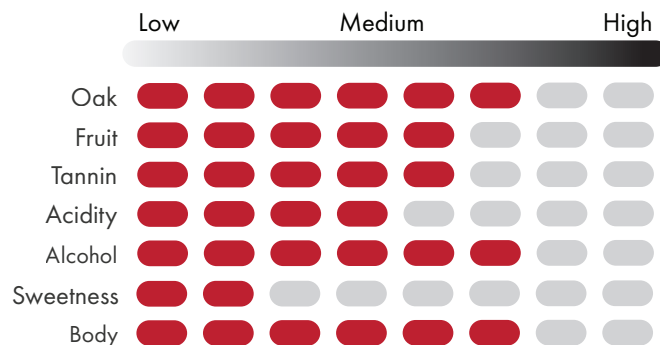
Lastly, this perfectly balanced Cabernet Sauvignon goes into French oak barrels for 24 months of aging. A quarter of it is stored in new oak, imprinting deep spice and cedar aromas, as well as giving this wine excellent value on the shelf. Pick up a couple of bottles of this 2018 Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon—one bottle for now, another for a special future occasion!

REGION & VARIETAL COMPOSITION



TASTING & PAIRINGS

This vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from 3 different vineyards in Paso Robles: Bianchi Vineyard, Plummer Vineyard, and Red Tail, giving it distinctively different tasting notes than previous years. Forest floor and pine needles fill the nose, giving us an impression of standing alone in a peaceful wooded area. A cornucopia of overripe dark berries like black currant and boysenberries completes this natural setting and balances out the secondary flavors of cedar, spice box and faint licorice that linger on the finish.



Uncork this beautiful bottle of Paso Robles Cabernet alongside a bone-in ribeye steak, parpadelle Bolognese, portabella mushrooms, brussel sprouts, blue cheese or an elaborately garnished charcuterie plate.